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ANXIETY UNABATED.

KING'S GALLANT FIGHT AGAINST DISEASE.

PRINCE OF WALES VISITS FATHER JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT.

LAST NIGHT'S BULLETIN.

While the official bulletin issued last night is perhaps more satisfactory than might have been anticipated, it is far from reassuring. Briefly it indicates that there is no change in the critical condition of His Majesty, for while the fever is not worse, there is no suggestion that the infection spreading through the system has improved.

Deep anxiety is universally felt, though it is evident that the King is fighting magnificently.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the Prince of Wales arrived in London late last night, his dash across Europe having been expedited to a greater extent than was thought possible.

A complete absence of formality signalled his arrival at Victoria, and the vast crowds indicated their deep feeling with the Prince by maintaining a sympathetic silence. The Prince's rush to the bedside of his father, involved forced journeying over a distance of over 6,000 miles, which he completed in the record time of nine and a half days.

The Prince of Wales went immediately to Buckingham Palace, and after an interview with H.M. the Queen, was permitted to pay His Majesty a short visit.

The King, though very weak, and not expecting the Prince, recognised his eldest son and greeted him.

This message is regarded as significant, since it suggests that His Majesty's illness is grave indeed.

NO INCREASE IN EXHAUSTION.

London, Dec. 11. Though the doctors were able to say in this morning's bulletin that there had been no further impairment of the King's strength, the anxiety which prevailed yesterday among members of the Royal Household continued to-day. The House of Commons, which returned in some measure yesterday, still exists, and while the fever is not worse, the position with regard to the infection has not improved.

Anxious crowds larger than on any previous day read the morning bulletin on the notice-board at Buckingham Palace.

It was authoritatively stated at four o'clock this afternoon that there had been no change in His Majesty's condition since the morning.

The fact that the Queen, as yesterday, did not go out for her usual afternoon drive to-day has not allayed public anxiety, which is now very keen.

Struggling Gallantly.

Lord Dawson and Sir Stanley Hewett, who left Buckingham Palace at noon, returned at three o'clock in the afternoon. In the interval, Lord Dawson called at the Prince of Wales' residence, York House.

The evening bulletin, issued at 8.30 p.m., states:

"The King has had a quiet day. There is no increase in the exhaustion and the pulse remains steady." (Signed) Dawson of Penn, Stanley Hewett.

To-night's bulletin while more satisfactory than might have been anticipated is not considered reassuring in Palace circles. Deep anxiety is now felt in general, though it is realised that His Majesty is struggling magnificently.

A huge crowd waited outside the Palace long after the bulletin had been posted, including many undergraduates who were in London for the Varsity Rugby match. There was a notable absence of "ragging" in the West End to-night.

The Prince of Wales reached London this evening, hours ahead of schedule.

The crowd was marshalled in orderly files on each side of the gates of the Palace by the time the Prince of Wales arrived, and it maintained a sympathetic silence, the men raising their hats to His Majesty, while a few of the women fluttered their handkerchiefs.

The Prince of Wales was immediately shown into the Queen's apartments, where she was waiting for him.

It was at first understood that at the request of the King's doctors, the Prince would not see the King to-night, but presumably Sir Stanley Hewett, who is again staying the night at the Palace, gave permission, for it was later reported that the Prince of Wales saw the King for a short time and left the Palace with the Duke and Duchess of York at 11.30 p.m.

Recognises Son.

An official announcement was issued at midnight in connexion with the Prince's visit to the sick-room, stating that the King, though unaware of the Prince's expected arrival, immediately recognised and greeted him.

Lord Dawson left the Palace shortly after 11.30 p.m., soon after which it was stated most authoritatively that His Majesty's condition had undergone a slight change for the better since the last bulletin.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

The Duke of York in the afternoon was present at a matinee at the Lyceum in aid of the National Lifeboat Institution, which the Queen only yesterday attended and regretted she was unable to attend. A crowded audience accorded a most impressive reception to the Duke.—*Reuter.*

The Prince of Wales, while on his journey from Brindisi to Boulogne, received the latest news of the King in a telegram at Bologna station. During his brief halt at Milan, the Prince sent telegrams to the King of Italy and Signor Mussolini conveying thanks for the messages received from them, and for the perfectly organised special train service.

Public Affection.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald gave a lecture at Paris yesterday on the aims and policy of the British Labour Party.

He prefaced his speech by saying that his visit had been made uncertain for some days by the illness of the King, which had aroused in the hearts of the British people an affectionate anxiety which had been one of the most remarkable manifestations of our time. He added, "All the rulers and potentates of the earth might well envy the position which King George occupies in the minds of all sections of his people."—*British Wireless.*

PRINCE OF WALES IN LONDON.

STORY OF QUICK DASH ACROSS EUROPE.

ALL RECORDS BEATEN FROM BRINDISI TO VICTORIA.

TIRED AND ANXIOUS.

London, Dec. 11. The story of the Prince of Wales' arrival in London at 10.18 p.m. to-night, instead of to-morrow morning, involves a high tribute to the fine efforts made by the Italian, Swiss and French railway authorities to expedite his journey.

The Prince made the journey from Brindisi to London in record time, beating the ordinary time by at least sixteen hours. He did not pass through Paris in his race across France, but travelling at a speed greater than the usual express, followed a route via Chalons, Rheims and Laon, where his special train was switched on to the northern line and made direct for Boulogne via Amiens.

Prince's Privacy.

A Reuter message from Paris describes the measures observed to ensure the privacy of the Prince of Wales. During the dash across France, the engine was changed at Laon, and the Prince placed in the train smoking a cigarette, while special precautions were taken to keep the platform clear of the public.

At Amiens, various officials assembled to greet the Royal Heir, but the blinds of the Prince's carriage were drawn and he did not show himself.

The Prince arrived at Boulogne at 6.55 p.m., hours before he was expected; he was in fact scheduled to arrive at 9.40.

He was accompanied by a French detective, who joined the special train at Bale. The train was slightly delayed by a blockage on the line outside Lille Haute Saone, but it made up the lost time so well that it reached Laon an hour in front of schedule.

To England in Steamer.

On disembarking from the train at Boulogne, the Prince received a telegram giving the latest news of the King's condition. The Prince was greeted by the Sub-Prefect, who conveyed the wishes of the French Government for His Majesty's recovery. Also present on the platform were the Chief Engineer of the Nord Railway which carried the Prince for the greater part of the way, a director of the Southern Railway and other officials.

Quick Moving.

The Prince decided, after all, not to embark on the destroyer, H.M.S. Torch. He went aboard the ordinary packet-boat "Biarritz," which left for Folkestone at 7.10 p.m. The average speed of the Prince from Brindisi to Boulogne including stops had been 44 miles an hour.

The "Biarritz" arrived at Folkestone at about 8.30 p.m. and the Prince of Wales on landing at 8.44 p.m. was greeted by the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, who had travelled from London for the purpose.

The Prince and the Premier embarked for London four minutes later.

The Prince's special train reached London at 10.18 p.m. and he was met on the platform by the Duke of York.

Long before the Prince was due at Victoria, dense throngs gathered at every approach to the station, which was guarded by a large force of police. The crowd was immense in spite of the fact that it was a cold, wet, cheerless night.

The arrival in accordance with the Prince's special request was marked by a complete lack of formality. The customary red carpet was not laid, there were no flags, and no Press photographers.

Greetings at Victoria.

The Duke of York arrived at the station just before the train.

The Prince of Wales was looking tired and anxious, but he alighted briskly and was warmly greeted by his brother.

The thousands waiting outside maintained a sympathetic silence for the son who had hurried across

FRENCH POLITICAL SENSATION.

FORMER MINISTER ACCUSED OF FORGERY.

PROSECUTION LIKELY.

Paris, Dec. 11. A sensation has been created in French political circles by the President of the Senate announcing that a request has been received from the Public Prosecutor for authorisation to institute criminal proceedings against Senator Klotz, who was Minister of Finance in M. Clemenceau's Cabinet.

The allegations are that he uttered cheques insufficient to cover in connexion with the payment for a motor-car and that he forged the name of a business man as the acceptor of a bill of exchange.

Sensor Klotz recently retired into a religious retreat.—*Reuter.*

Sensor Louis Lucien Klotz first stood for the Chamber in 1899, but he was not elected until 1899, when the Senate Department returned him.

In 1910, he joined Briand's Cabinet as Finance Minister and retained that post under Caillaux (1911), Poincare (1912) and Briand (1913). He was also Minister of Interior in Barthou's Cabinet in 1913.

Early in the war, he served as a reserve officer under the Governor of Paris, then returned to Parliament, where he was appointed President of the War Damage Commission. In 1917, he again became Finance Minister in Poincare's Government and held that office in the Clemenceau Cabinet which followed it; so that he was one of the signatories of the Treaty of Versailles. He is 66 years of age.

Small-Pox Still Mounting.

OVER TWO HUNDRED CASES IN SIX WEEKS.

22 MORE YESTERDAY.

A further 22 cases of small-pox were notified yesterday, of which 16 were from Kowloon districts. All were Chinese.

This brings the total number of cases during the past six weeks to 205, of which 179 have been from Kowloon. There have been 64 deaths.

The details of the case reported for the weeks ending on dates given are:

	Cases	Deaths
November 3	2	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	16
	170	64

Since Saturday, there have been a further 36 cases, with 23 deaths reported.

DUISBURG MINING DISASTER.

SEVEN MEN FATALY GASED IN A FIRE.

Cologne, Dec. 11. Seven miners were fatally gassed, and three others seriously injured as the result of an outbreak of fire in the winding-shaft of the Diergardt Mine at Duisburg.

Three of the men who died were volunteer rescuers, who went down to the assistance of fallen comrades.—*Reuter.*

Two continents to reach the bedside of his sick father.

The Prince of Wales immediately drove to Buckingham Palace where he arrived at 10.25, proceeding to the Queen's Apartments, later visiting his father for a short time.

His Royal Highness made his hurried journey home from East Africa in nine and a half days, having sailed from Dar-es-Salaam at ten o'clock on Sunday morning, December 2nd. Ordinarily the journey would occupy a fortnight at least.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

AUSTRALIAN TEST SELECTIONS.

TWELVE CHOSEN FOR SECOND MATCH.

BATTING STILL STRONGEST SUIT OF TEAM.

BLACKIE'S BOWLING.

The Australian selectors have now announced the names of twelve players from whom the eleven to meet England in the Second Test at Sydney, commencing on Friday, will be chosen. J. S. Ryder heads the list.

A Sydney cable received last night states that Kelleway, who was taken ill with pneumonia poisoning in the middle of the First Test, is still unwell and has been definitely dropped. Dr. O. E. Nothing (Queensland) who took 5 wickets for 78 runs against the M.C.C. recently, taking his place.

T. J. E. Andrews, the former Test player, who made 39 and 25 for an Australian XI against the M.C.C. is also dropped; the selected twelve being as follows:

- J. S. Ryder (Victoria) (captain)
- W. H. Ponsford (Victoria)
- W. M. Woodfull (Victoria)
- D. Bradman (N.S.W.)
- A. F. Kippax (N.S.W.)
- D. Blackie (Victoria)
- C. V. Grimmett (S. Australia)
- H. L. Hendry (Victoria)
- H. Ironmonger (Victoria)
- V. Richardson (S. Australia)
- W. A. Oldfield (N.S.W.)
- O. E. Nothing (Queensland).

Nine of Old.

In spite of Australia's extraordinary experience in the Brisbane match, nine of the players are again among the chosen, the two standing down both being unfit to play.

The three new players, Victor Richardson, Dr. O. E. Nothing and Don Blackie are the fine South Australian batsman, who was a keen candidate for the captaincy, conceding it probably to seniority only. He made 24 and 21 against England recently.

The other two are both bowlers. Dr. Nothing, who takes the place of Gregory, was not regarded as a possibility until the Queensland match, and he followed this up by taking 31 wickets for 61 runs in 19 overs in the Australian XI match. He keeps a good length, varies pace and flight, and makes the ball do a fair amount of nipping back from the off, but he is not more than a useful bat.

Don Blackie.

At the beginning of the campaign, everyone agreed that the best bowler in Australia was Don Blackie, the Melbourne man who finds himself hailed as a discovery at 45, when most bowlers have had their last benefit. But he did not get a wicket in either innings of the trial match at Melbourne, and his record in the recent match against the M.C.C. was 1 for 120. The best of bowlers have off days, but this is hardly the performance of a match-winner.

Still, on his record last season Blackie is a bowler to be reckoned with. His 31 wickets cost him only 22 runs each—which on Australian wickets is much better than it looks—and Oxenham, who took only 8 wickets, was alone above him in the averages.

The Barnes Build.

A tall, gaunt man of the Barnes build, Blackie belongs to a type that has almost disappeared. He takes a longish run, brings his arm high over with an easy action, keeps a beautiful length, breaks back a lot from the off if the wicket is giving assistance, and varies his pace and flight so subtly that he needs watching even when it isn't.

It is probable, however, that C. V. Grimmett will be expected to be the mainstay of the attack. Like J. C. White, he can bowl all day and keep a perfect length, while Ironmonger may be dangerous on a bad wicket.

The attack is still limited to four players.

The England team is not yet to hand.

TEA MARK INQUIRY TRAGEDY.

SUDDEN DEATH IN TRAIN OF IMPORTANT WITNESS.

TEA BUYERS' FEARS.

London, Dec. 11. The tragic death of one of the leading personalities in the Ceylon tea trade, was announced in the course of to-day's hearing of the application for an order requiring a mark of origin for tea at the Board of Trade.

Mr. William Campbell, the chairman of the Ceylon Tea Association, who gave evidence yesterday, did not appear this morning, and just before the inquiry was again adjourned, counsel for the applicants reported that Mr. Campbell had collapsed and died on a train on his way to the inquiry.

Major A. H. Cripps, of the Blue Funnel Line, said that if a marking order was granted and this affected the quantity of tea imported into Britain, it would also affect British shipping which carried tea, and would result in Amsterdam establishing competition with London as the tea market.

Mr. John Garrett, the president of the Tea-Buyers' Association, attributed the increased consumption of Java and Sumatra tea in Britain to its cheapness and suitability for blending.

Java and Sumatra tea, he said, was on an average about 5½d. per lb. below the price of Indian and Ceylon tea.

He considered that the standard of tea from the Dutch East Indies during the past ten years had been exceptionally high. He knew that the production of Indian and Ceylon tea had been restricted.

He also declared that there was no other country of the size except the Dutch East Indies able to supply tea when the cost of Empire tea was high. He was sure that if a marking order was made, some of the retail trade would be lost and the well-known blends could not be supplied as cheaply as at present.

Mr. Garrett denied that Java tea was used in popular blends for purposes of profit, but said that it was used in blends because it was more advantageous to the public.—*Reuter.*

SALE OF RUSSIAN ART TREASURES.

ARTICLES HELD TO BE STATE PROPERTY.

INJUNCTIONS QUASHED.

Berlin, Dec. 11. The legal battle over the sale of art treasures alleged to have been taken illegally by the Bolsheviks from the palaces and homes of the Russian aristocracy, was brought to an end to-day, the Injunctions granted to Prince Alexander Cotromantz, and other emigres, by the Supreme Court being quashed in the Higher Court.

The judges ruled that by the Soviet Nationalisation Decree of November, 1920, all movable property belonging to fugitive Russians became State property.

The Russian law is binding on the German courts, and an order was, therefore, given for the articles involved in the dispute to be returned to the auctioneers, Messrs. Lepke, or to their purchasers.

These latter include furniture made for Eugen Beaucharnais, bought by an English dealer for £3,000, and six Gobelin tapestries which had been sold for £5,000.

The auctioneers deposited the money received for these in Court, pending the final decision on the rights of ownership.—*Reuter.*

STRAITS BANKNOTE FORGERIES.

CANTONESE CHARGED WITH POSSESSION.

Tam Wing, a Chinese from Canton, was charged before Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court this morning with the possession of 342 forged Straits \$10-notes. He was formally remanded for a week. The arrest was made in connexion with the seizure reported yesterday.

CHINESE STEAMER PIRATED.

SOON AFTER LEAVING HONGKONG.

EUROPEAN MASTER TIED TO HIS BED.

PIRATES FIGHT RIVALS.

With the arrival in port of the Chinese steamer Wong Shek Kung, of 1,044 tons net register, the master, Captain Nils Harring, tells the story of one of the most daring piracies in the China Sea for some time past.

Travelling as passengers, and working, it is said, in collusion with members of the crew, the pirates secured control of the ship shortly after she left Hongkong for Saigon, binding up the Captain and officers, and eventually getting away with cargo and personal effects valued at \$5,000.

Taken Near Macao.

Within a few hours of leaving Hongkong on a voyage to Saigon, the officers were overpowered and the pirates obtained control of the vessel. Instead of following the usual practice of taking the ship to Hainan Bay, the pirates took the Wong Shek Kung to Sam Lung Island, about thirty miles to the south-west of Macao.

The pirates did their work so effectively that within nine hours of the steamer's departure from Hongkong, they were able to leave the ship, taking with them booty to the extent of \$5,000, without so much as wounding a single member of the crew or any of the passengers.

As the result of a wireless message received yesterday, No. 4 Police launch, commanded by Sub-Inspector Butcher, went out to meet the pirated vessel and escorted her to quarantine anchorage at Stonecutters shortly after nine o'clock last night. The Wong Shek Kung was unable to hoist the police flag, as the pirates took the precaution to carry that away with them.

Captain only European.

According to a report subsequently made to the police by Captain Nils Harring, the master, it appeared that the Captain was the only European on board the ship at the time of the piracy.

Owned by the Wong Hang Hong Steamship Company, of No. 58A, Bonham Strand West, the ship flies the Chinese flag and is registered at Canton. The crew consists of the captain, two Chinese deck officers, three Chinese engineers and forty-four deck hands.

The vessel sailed from Hongkong at about 10 p.m. on Monday, having on board twelve Chinese passengers and carrying 200 tons of cargo, consisting of flour, vegetables, fruit and gunny bags, shipped to Saigon.

Officers Attacked.

At 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning, when the ship was about twenty miles to the south-west of Gap Rock, about six pirates, who were among the passengers, assisted, it is said, by five members of the stokehold staff, attacked the officers and crew.

The Captain, in his report, states that the pirates were well armed, having in their possession both revolvers and knives. It would appear that little resistance was put up, and in his report to the police the Captain says he was bound to his bed by the pirates, who treated the second officer and the quartermaster in the same manner. The crew of the commando department were then driven into the fore-castle.

Having gained control of the ship, the pirates took it to Sam Lung Island, about thirty miles south-west of Macao, arriving there yesterday morning at seven o'clock.

The Booty.

The Captain states that about fifty tons of cargo were removed by pirates, mostly of fruit and flour. The total value of their haul, inclusive of jewellery and personal effects of the officers and crew, is estimated at \$5,000.

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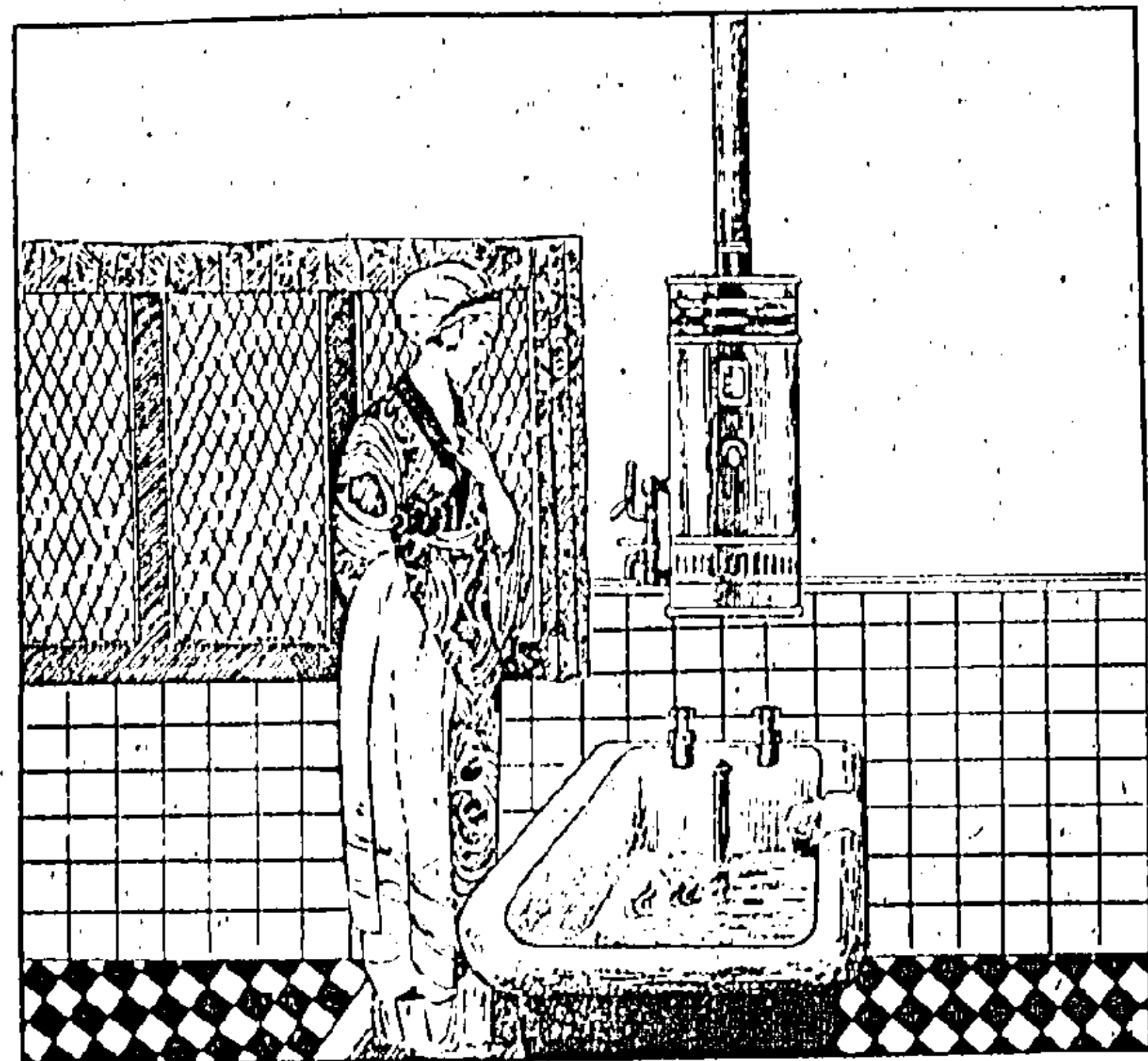
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PENINSULA HOTEL OPENING.

**H. E. ON THE FUTURE OF
KOWLOON.**

A FINE BUILDING.

There was a huge attendance of guests at the opening of the Peninsula Hotel yesterday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, who was accompanied by Mrs. Southorn. In the course of his speech, His Excellency paid a warm tribute to the courageous optimism of Mr. J. H. Taggart, without whom there would have been no Peninsula Hotel, and cited the completion of the building as proof of the fact that the courage of our forefathers is still with us. He also spoke glowingly of the future of Kowloon.

After the opening ceremony, the guests made a tour of inspection of the Hotel (a full description of which, with illustrations, was published as an art supplement by the Telegraph last Saturday), and all were delighted with the sumptuous decorations and the modernity of the general equipment.

His Excellency together with Mrs. Southorn arrived promptly at 4.30 p.m., and after entering through the main doorway, was conducted by Mr. J. H. Taggart, Chairman of Directors, to a raised dais at one end of the main hall on the ground floor. After speeches were made by Mr. Taggart and by His Excellency, the official party was conducted to the top floor where tea was served in the Banqueting Hall. On the same floor, in the Roof Garden a number of visitors enjoyed the Hotel's band, and dancing was in full swing shortly after the opening. The special bar on the top floor was also well patronized.

The band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, by permission of Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O., rendered a pleasing selection of music from the terrace on the first floor.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. J. H. Taggart, Managing Director of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, said:

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The extremely pleasant duty has been assigned to me of extending, on behalf of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, a very hearty welcome to Your Excellency and Mrs. Southorn, and of offering to both of you an expression of our keen appreciation and thanks for the honour you are bestowing upon us, and the kindly assistance you are according to us in formally opening to-day this most recent addition to our chain of hostilities in the Far East.

If I may be permitted to say so, I think that this edifice may justly be regarded as not only a worthy addition to the amenities of the every day life of the residents of this Colony, but also (in view of its location at the gate-way of this great port and the fact that it is superlatively equipped for its particular sphere of activity) as an establishment which may fairly be expected to enhance the popularity of the Colony by affording to transient visitors thereto attractions in the way of comfort and facilities hitherto unobtainable here.

It would be a poor tribute to Your Excellency's kindness in honouring us as you are doing to-day, were I to mar the occasion by a lengthy technical dissertation

on the innumerable details which have been so ably carried out by the Architects and Contractors responsible for the work. The courtesy of the local Press has already enabled us to present through that medium comprehensive publicity for this Hotel and much descriptive matter of the various special features comprised therein. Moreover, a tour through the Hotel, which we shall at all times be pleased to arrange, will afford a much better idea of its attractions.

Behind the Scenes.

I cannot, however, refrain from availing myself of this opportunity—the most fitting occasion for the purpose—of thanking and congratulating the Company's Hotel Superintendent, Mr. J. P. Bourne, on the result of the stupendous amount of labour he has bestowed on the multifarious details relating to the equipment of this establishment and its service. His unremitting efforts—which have covered a very extended period of time—in planning and supervising the infinite variety of minute details involved are very largely responsible for our being able to present to you to-day an establishment containing the most modern hotel equipment and hygienic appliances to an extent without parallel in this part of the world.

"A Chequered Career."

The Peninsula Hotel has, during the period of its construction, experienced a somewhat chequered career, in that much has happened to delay its progress towards the realization of the hopes of those responsible for its inception, its erection and the ceremony which Your Excellency is so kindly performing. I would like to mention here that the last incident in the foregoing relation is one upon which we look back with feelings of pride. I refer to the many months during which we had the honour of housing a large portion of H. M. Forces, forming part of the Expeditionary Force despatched hither by the Home Government during the troublous times in the early part of 1927.

A Good Omen.

In conclusion I desire to voice to Your Excellency the great pleasure afforded to us by the fact that you are supported in your task to-day by the presence of Mrs. Southorn, who, as is well known throughout the Colony, never begrudges the assistance her charming personality lends to occasions such as this. In business of the nature of that wherein our Company is engaged, it is an essential maxim that hotel executives and their assistants should be imbued to the full with instincts of kindly hospitality, and ability to render cheerful service unimpairedly, and I would like to add that we all realise that, in addition to the good fortune we are experiencing in being accorded the privilege of the presence of Your Excellency and of Mrs. Southorn at this our opening ceremony, an ideal example of the exercise of the principles of the maxim to which I have made reference, and, if I may be excused for saying so, in Your Excellency's presence, we regard that of Mrs. Southorn as an omen which augurs well for our future success in our operation of the Peninsula Hotel. (Applause.)

Best in Far East.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, in formally declaring the building open said:

Mr. Taggart, Ladies and Gentlemen.—I have first to thank Mr. Taggart for the very hearty welcome he has given to my wife and myself and for the very kind references he has made to us both. I am sure, ladies and gentlemen, we have done nothing to deserve thanks, for it has been a matter of great pleasure to us both to be present and to assist at so historic a ceremony as the opening of

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As Mr. Taggart has said, this is not the occasion for a detailed description of this really magnificent building. Time would not permit one to do justice to it, and I recommend everyone present to accept Mr. Taggart's invitation to make a tour of the premises and then to re-read the admirable description of the hotel which appeared in the Press last week.

But there are one or two points which I feel I must mention for I have already carried out my own advice. First I would bring to your notice the amazing care which has been lavished by the proprietors on their efforts to attain a completely hygienic hotel. No detail has been too small and no expenditure too great where the question of the health of the guests is concerned, and so far as human foresight can go, there can be no place in the world where the diner can eat his food with a greater faith in the purity of its preparation than in the Peninsula Hotel. Opinions may differ as to architecture and decoration; some may prefer a Spartan simplicity, some the sumptuousness of an eastern palace—but there can be no two opinions as to the arrangements made for the hygienic cleanliness of the hotel and everything connected with it.

Of Mr. Taggart.

And then I notice one serious omission in Mr. Taggart's remarks, viz., that there is no mention of Mr. Taggart. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I do not wish to detract in any way from the skill and ability of Mr. Bourne

and of the architects and the contractors, to all of whom has been paid a tribute they so well deserve, but the fact remains that without Mr. Taggart there would have been no Peninsula Hotel. As the newspaper put it, his has been the inspiring mind behind the creation of the Peninsula Hotel. From the very start in 1921 through all the troubled period which has intervened down to the present day it has been Mr. Taggart's courageous optimism which has carried the project through to its present magnificent consummation.

It has often struck me that Hongkong affords a striking example of the courage and optimism of our predecessors. If there is one thing more than another which strikes a newcomer to Hongkong, it is the size, the solidity and the boldness of so many of our buildings. Our predecessors were men who saw visions and dreamed dreams, or they could never in the sixties have conceived the idea, for instance, of the City Hall, which must in its day have been one of the finest civic buildings East of Suez. But for many years development was mainly restricted to the Island of Hongkong, until in the early years of the present century the importance of Kowloon began to be recognised. I am told that until some ten or fifteen years ago Kowloon was the Cinderella of Hongkong, but now the time is arriving when Cinderella will come into her own. The town planners caught Kowloon just in time, and we of this generation in Hongkong are witnessing the growth of a great new city built on modern lines with wide streets and broad spaces and spacious playing fields, with a

plentiful supply of that vital necessity, water, with busy docks, wharves and warehouses, with the terminus of what will one day be the through railway line from Europe, and with a fine modern aerodrome now in course of construction—a city with a future far exceeding the possibilities of the cramped surroundings of Victoria.

Landmark in History.

And, ladies and gentlemen, this hotel stands as a landmark in the history of this great city of the future; nay, more, it proves that the courage of our forefathers is with us still; the broad visions of the sixties still inspire the people of Hongkong. Strikes and boycotts and civil war in China are rightly regarded as but temporary checks to that prosperity which their geographical position must bring to Hongkong. The success of this hotel is not a thing of to-day or to-morrow. The inspiration which gave rise to this building is the inspiration of the future; it stands as an out-

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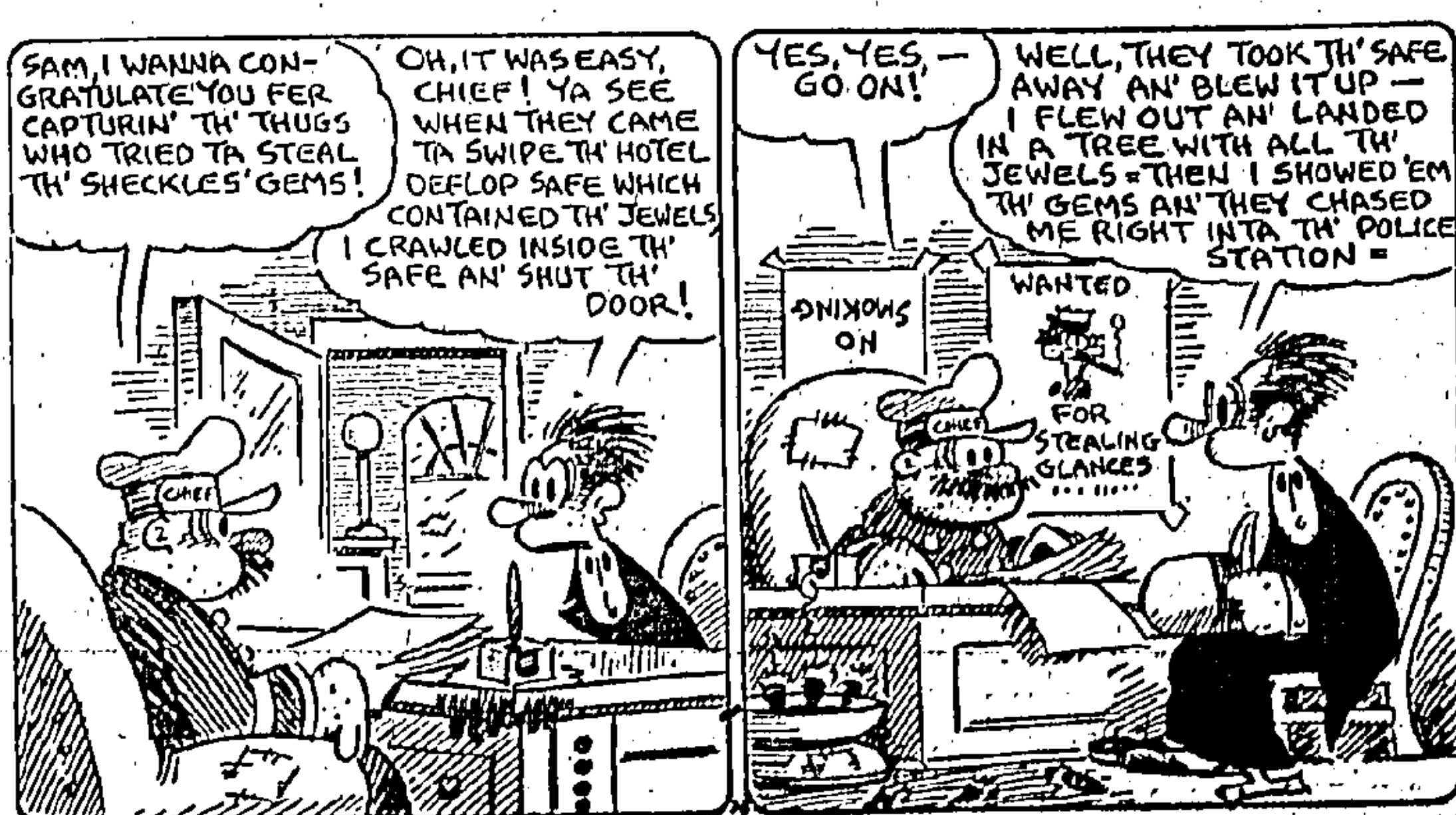
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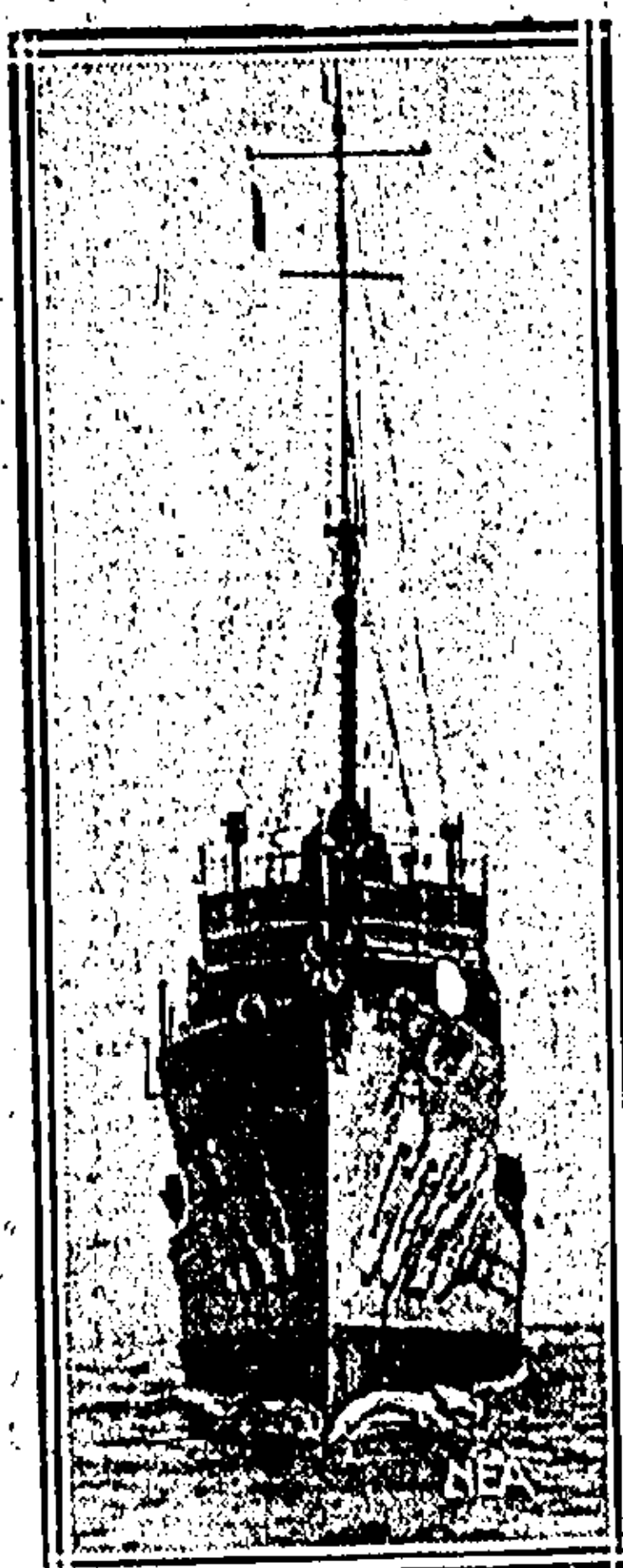
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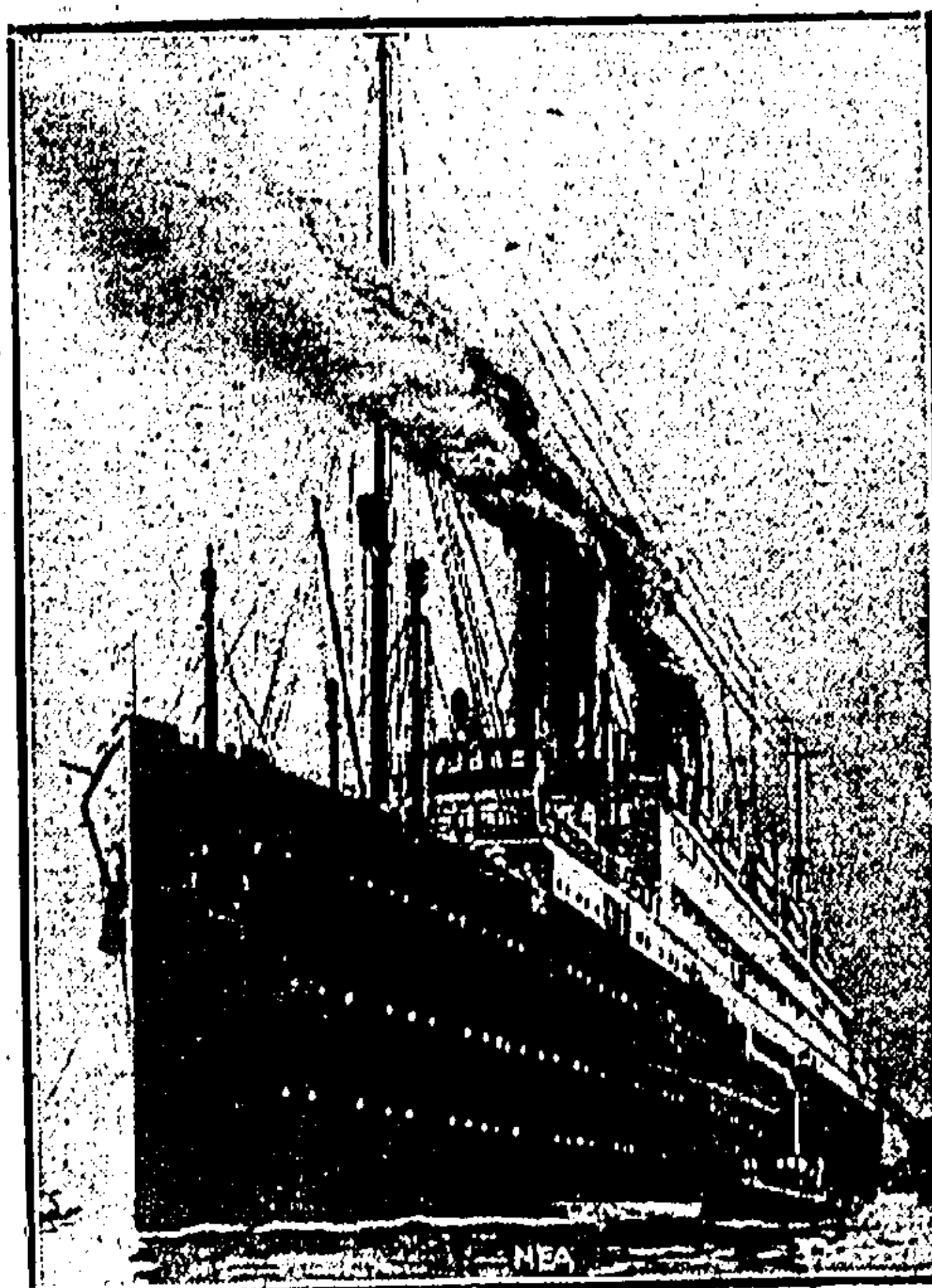
Survivors of the Vestris disaster after they were picked up by the steamer American Shipper. There are no women in the party, as most perished in the first two lifeboats lowered. Picture was transmitted by telephone from New York to San Francisco.



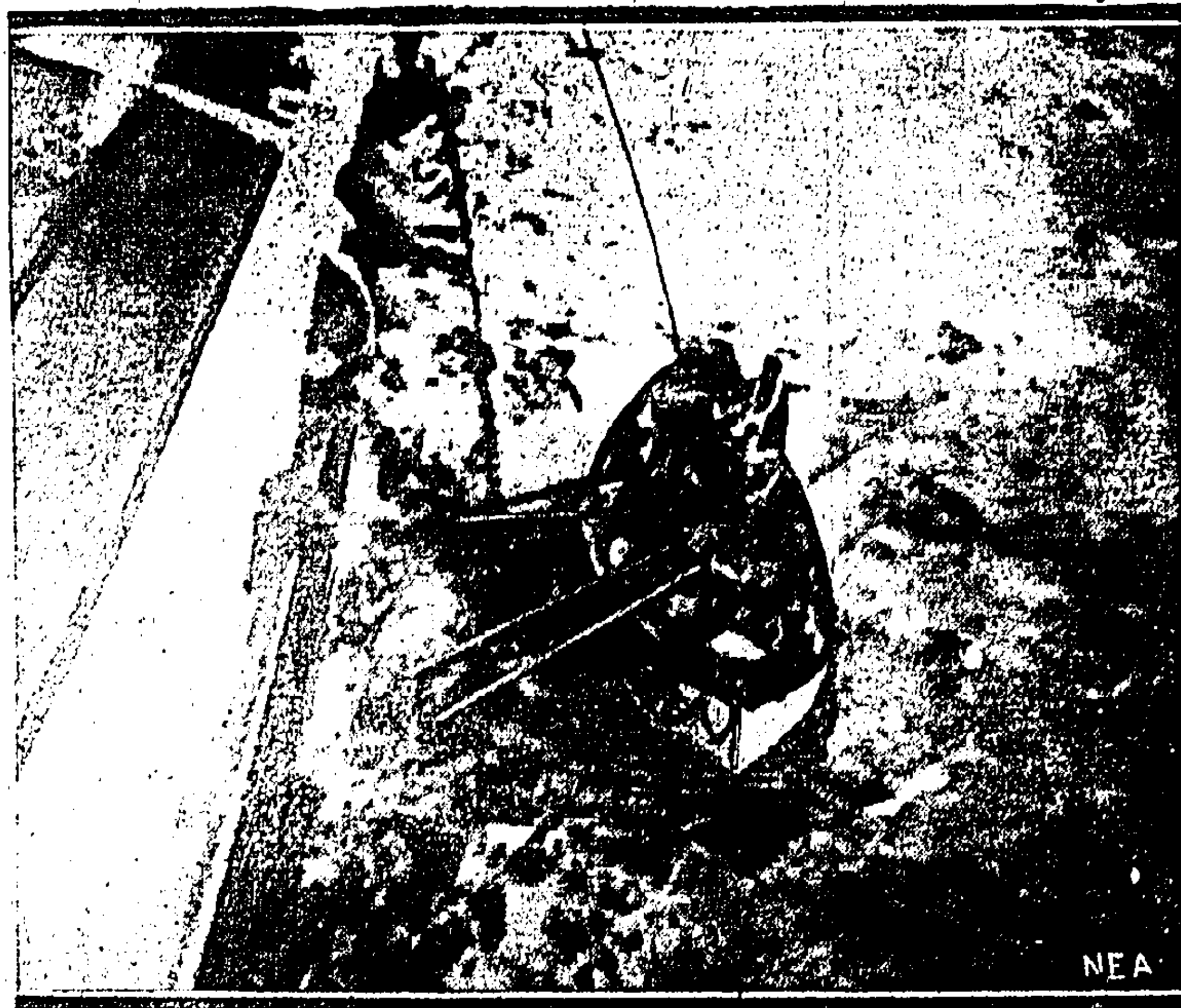
Among the first of the rescue vessels to speed to the aid of the Vestris, was the U. S. coast guard destroyer Tucker, shown above.



One of the most tenacious fights for life in the Vestris disaster was made by Carl Schmidt, who swam for 21 hours after the Vestris was sunk. This telephoto shows Schmidt about to be rescued by the steamship Berlin.



Picture shows the S. S. Berlin, which played a big part in the Vestris rescue work. The Berlin changed her course to speed to the scene of disaster.



After 14 hours of exposure in a heavy sea, this group of survivors from the ill-fated steamer Vestris is shown just as the lifeboat was drawn alongside the steamer Berlin.



Bruno and Vittorio, sons of Premier Benito Mussolini of Italy, have been cruising the Mediterranean with a party of young Fascists. Here are the two sons of Il Duce mounted on a camel at Tripoli for a sightseeing trip.



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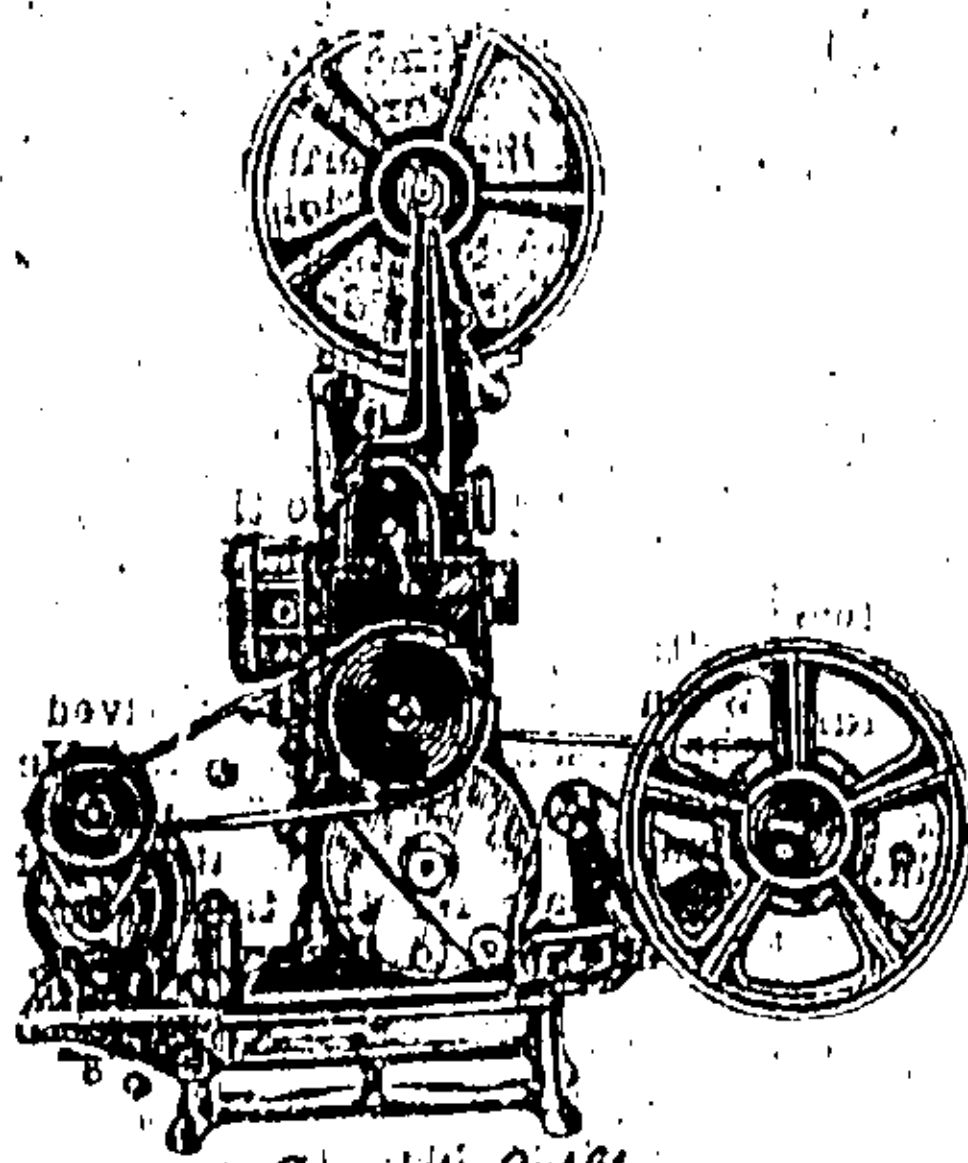
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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Lingerie Modes.

[By a Woman Representative.]

Lace, which for some time past has been little used for trimming lingerie, is much in evidence again. The newest designs, therefore, are much less severe in character. Mannequin Parades are being held daily to display the latest Paris lingerie creations.

Among the innovations for the coming season that were demonstrated, was a two-piece slip of peach georgette and lace, with a backless top, which Paris has introduced as a solution to the deep "V"-shaped décolletage that is fashionable for evening gowns.

Another entirely new design was a crepe de Chine three-piece slip, also in peach colour, with a fluted skirt for wearing with the full-skirted gowns, that are a feature of the Autumn modes.

Rich Silks.

Dainty underwear in rich silks and satins was trimmed almost in every instance with lace, the softening effect of which was very noticeable. The most exclusive and original pyjama and cocktail suits were shown. An interesting pyjama suit of Oriental pattern was made in silver-brocaded, blue plush and satin. It has loosely fitting trousers, and a brilliantly brocaded sash with silver tassels.

A three-piece pyjama suit that embodied the newest principles was made in green crepe de Chine embroidered with white, consisting of a sleeveless jumper, trousers and coat.

The garments in many instances were distinguished by beautiful workmanship. Applique designs in a contrasting shade to the rest, beautified many lovely models, and colour schemes were delightful.

Beads & Buckles.



One of the most attractive of the minor modes of the moment is the rope of curiously-shaped, rough-cut beads which dress-makers are using to provide colour-relief on a black, white, or neutral-tinted frock. This rope is often accompanied by a metal belt buckle, or sash clasp, set with stones exactly matching the colour of the beads.

Printed fabrics do not lend themselves to the vogue, but plain materials form ideal backgrounds for the display of these somewhat barbaric ornaments. Your plain navy blue frock, for instance, will take on quite a different air, if you wear a string of jade green beads round your neck, and fasten the navy suede belt with a green-stone buckle.

The simple dance frock in neutral-toned taffetas or moire is immensely improved by the addition of a vivid necklace and sash clasp. Here fancy has a wide field in which to play. Any colour scheme is possible. It only remains for the clever girl to think one out for herself, and the shops which sell nothing but beads of every size, shape, and colour, will prove hunting-grounds for her. By thus economising, she will be able to afford three or four necklaces, where otherwise she could have but one. Banjo-strings, by the way, are quite the best things on which to fashion long bead ropes. Be careful to make a little knot between each bead when threading; then if the string should break, the whole necklace will not be scattered on the ground.

Queer shaped amber beads are delightful on a black or Havana frock; vivid green ones look well on white, beige, lemon, orange, navy blue and dark green, while red beads are excellent on black. But colours and shades are so numerous, and shapes and sizes so varied, that you must needs visit a bead-shop, before you can thoroughly appreciate the possibilities of the home-made necklace.

A Beginning.

We look at first for pleasure
In the world on every side,
To every satisfaction
We think we'll find a guide.

But pleasure proves elusive,
And getting is not gain;
There's always imperfection
On each successive plane.

So then we ask for comfort
And strength to struggle on
And still we look outside us
As in the days bygone.

At last we look for courage
In the world of the within,
And learn, in deep amazement,
That life will now begin.

THELMA COOMBS.

Afternoon Clothes.

OF BEAUTY & DISTINCTION.

One of the most fascinating of the season's afternoon frocks was seen the other day at Revillon's. It was of black chiffon velvet, very simply cut, with long plain sleeves and a fairly short skirt. Its delightful claims to distinction lay in a rather wide gold metal waist-band, placed slightly above the natural waistline, and set with two huge ruby crystals in the centre, and in a simple turnover collar and long gauntlet-cuffs of gold tissue worked with fine red lines. This plain little frock, with its medieval touches of richness, was worn by a very young mannequin whose golden hair was Elon-cropped.

A tunic of almost three-quarter length, in large-patterned gold and rose brocade, formed the most important part of an afternoon frock, which was otherwise fashioned of brown georgette; a scarf and sash in the georgette were deeply bordered with gold. A hat of brown hatter's plush, with a matching feather mount, accompanied this frock.

Tailless ermine formed the collar, cuffs and long front to a coat of fine black cloth. The front resembled a waistcoat, lengthened, however, to the hem, and the coat could be worn either open to show the white fur or fastened over it. This coat had borders of quilting, and was worn over a black satin frock.

Black pony-skin cloth made a very smart coat and skirt, the coat having a scarf of the material and deep cuffs of caramel-coloured fur. A hat of black hatter's plush was worn with this suit.

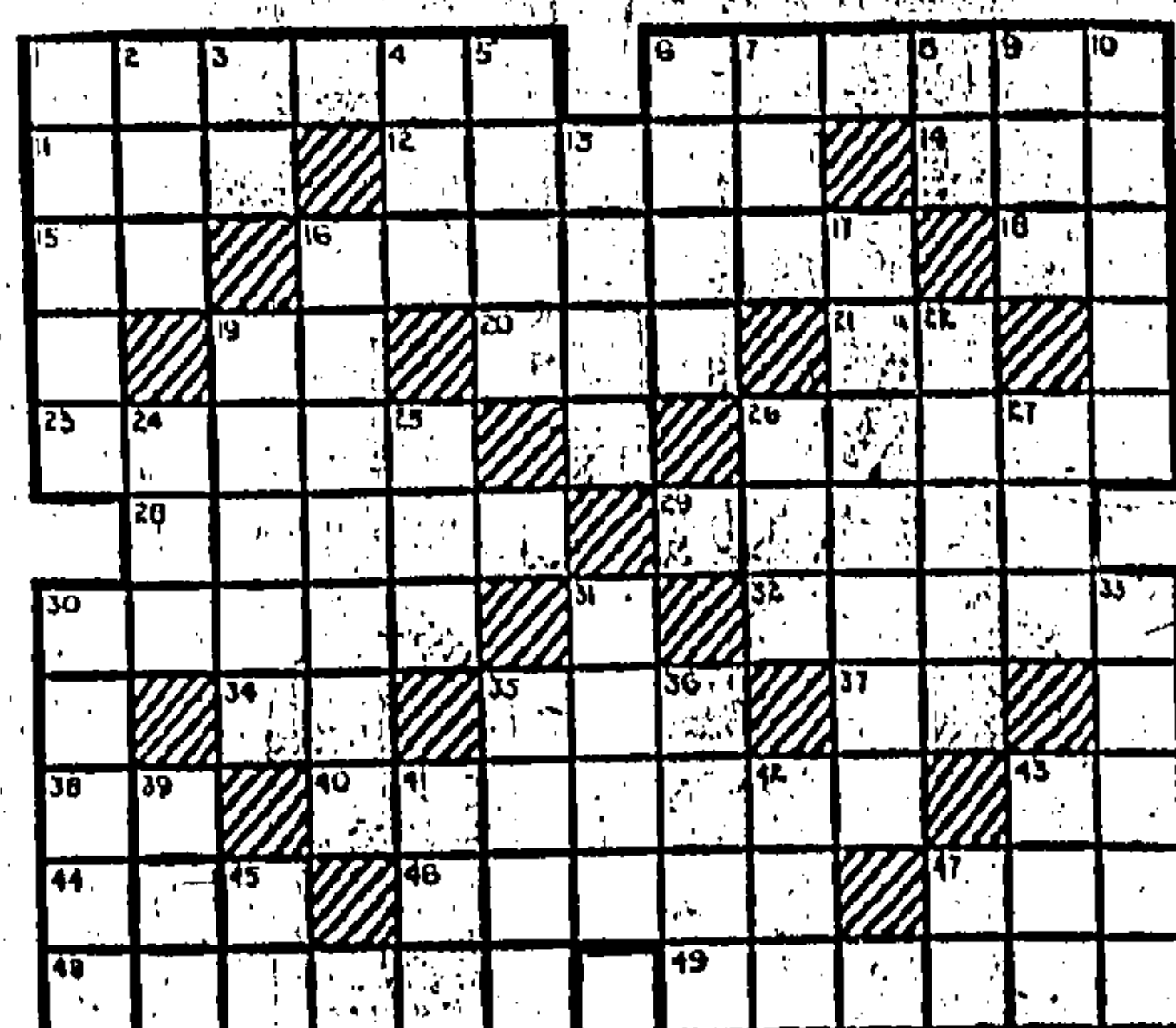
Pale gray cloth was applied on the jumper of a peach-coloured crepe jumper suit.

A black-antif frock, with a very long fluted jabot of white georgette, was accompanied by a beautiful black velvet coat, with a very high collar and very deep cuffs of white fox.



One of the most attractive two-piece suits of the season comprises well-cut dress and coat in brown check fabric. The coat is lined with beige silk, while both dress and coat have collars of plain beige crepe.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

- 1 Who is the famous cigarette girl of the opera of the same name by "Black"?
- 6 Fetter or shackle.
- 11 Work of genius.
- 12 Braided quilt.
- 14 Gone by.
- 15 Myself.
- 16 To deck out with vulgar finery.
- 18 To depart.
- 19 Masculine pronoun.
- 20 To scan.
- 21 Above.
- 22 Sum of money lent at interest.
- 23 Incrustations over scores.
- 24 To compose as an author.
- 29 Dishonest.
- 30 Untidy.
- 32 To become exhausted.
- 34 Stop!
- 35 Mineral spring.
- 37 You and me.
- 38 Abbreviation for "company."
- 40 Original inhabitants of a land.
- 43 Abbreviation for "postscript."
- 44 Constellation.
- 46 To provide as food.
- 47 To bind.
- 48 Who is the mayor of New York city?
- 49 What is the name of canine madness?

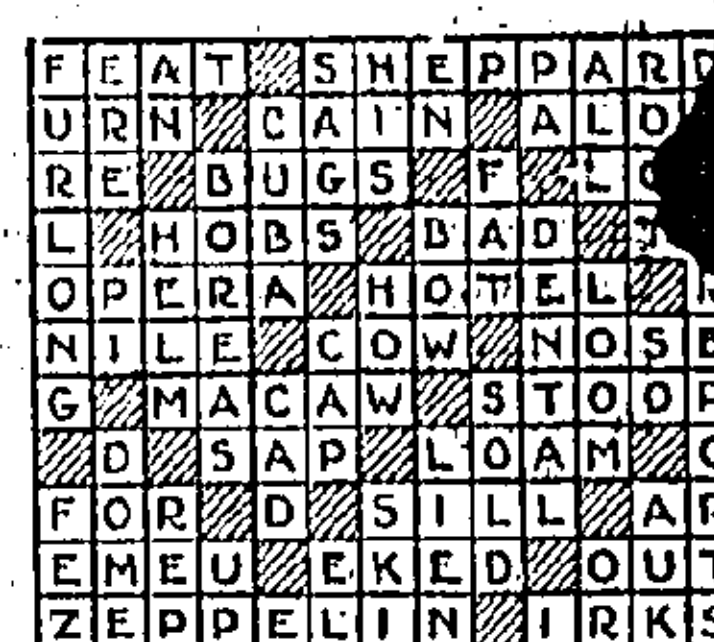
Vertical

- 1 What ruminant mammal can go without drinking water for days at a time?
- 2 Part of verb, to be.
- 3 Abbreviation for "right."
- 4 Before.
- 5 Bows.

0 Mist.

- 7 Beer.
- 8 Dad.
- 9 Hen fruit.
- 10 Compartments of a house.
- 11 Bearing.
- 12 Blessing.
- 13 Point of concentration.
- 14 Ransing.
- 15 Former care-takers.
- 16 To be in debt.
- 17 Pig pen.
- 18 Fluid in a tree.
- 19 Honey-gathering insect.
- 20 What common parrot is among the largest of its species?
- 21 To expectorate.
- 22 What flowers were the insignia in the wars between the English Houses of York and Lancaster?
- 23 Heavenly body.
- 24 To affirm.
- 25 English coin.
- 26 One in cards.
- 27 Eon.
- 28 Mordin dye.
- 29 Seventy note in scale.

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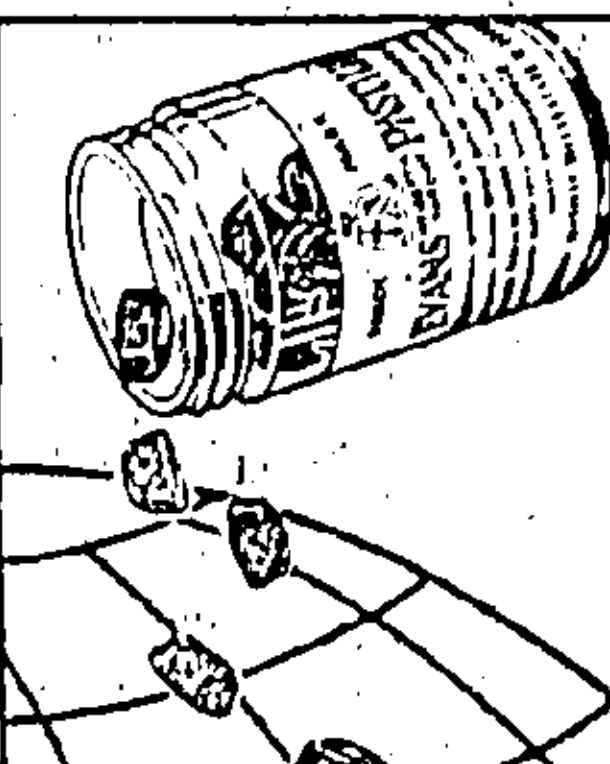
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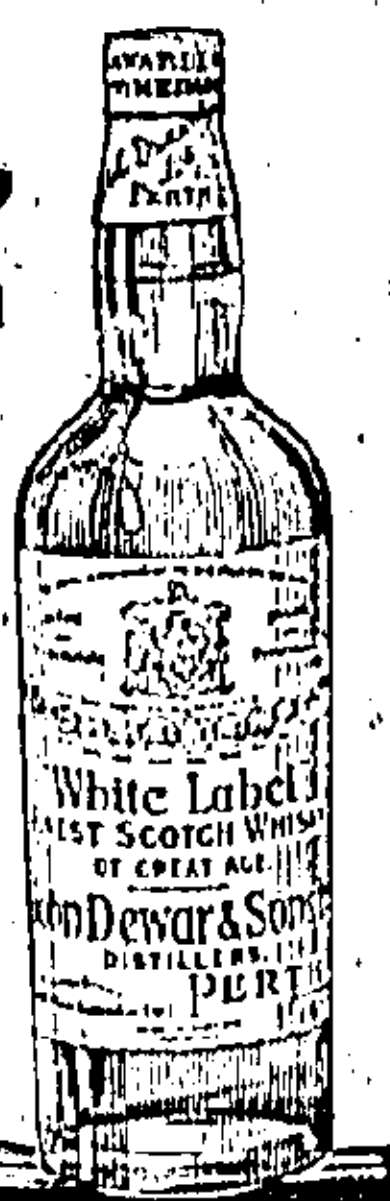
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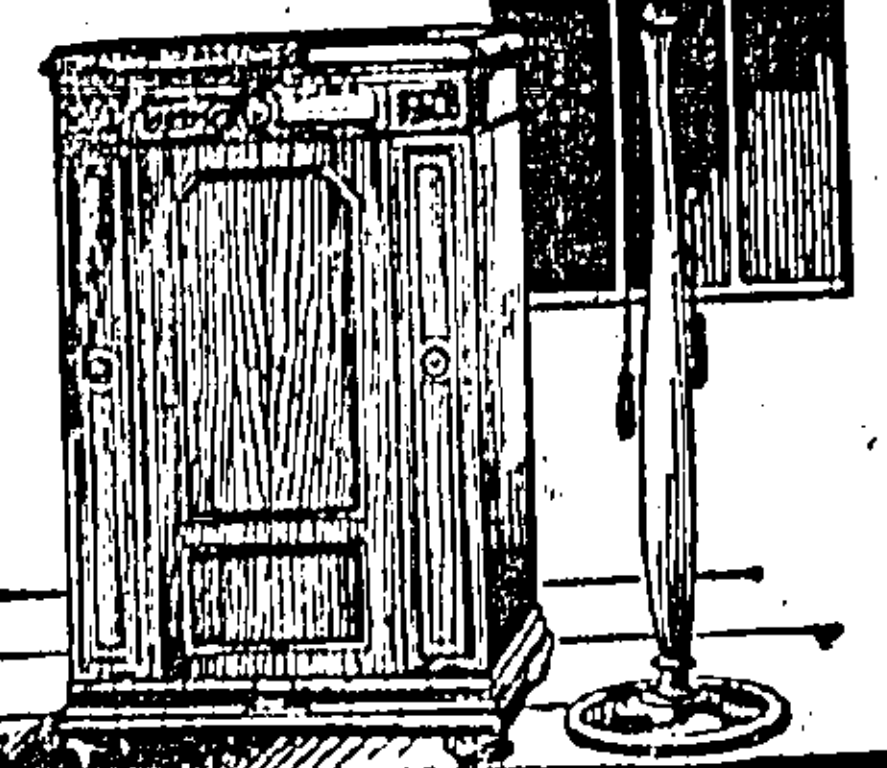


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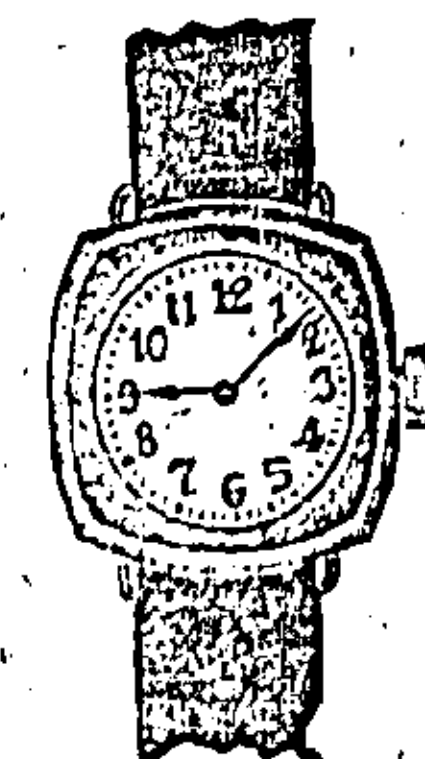
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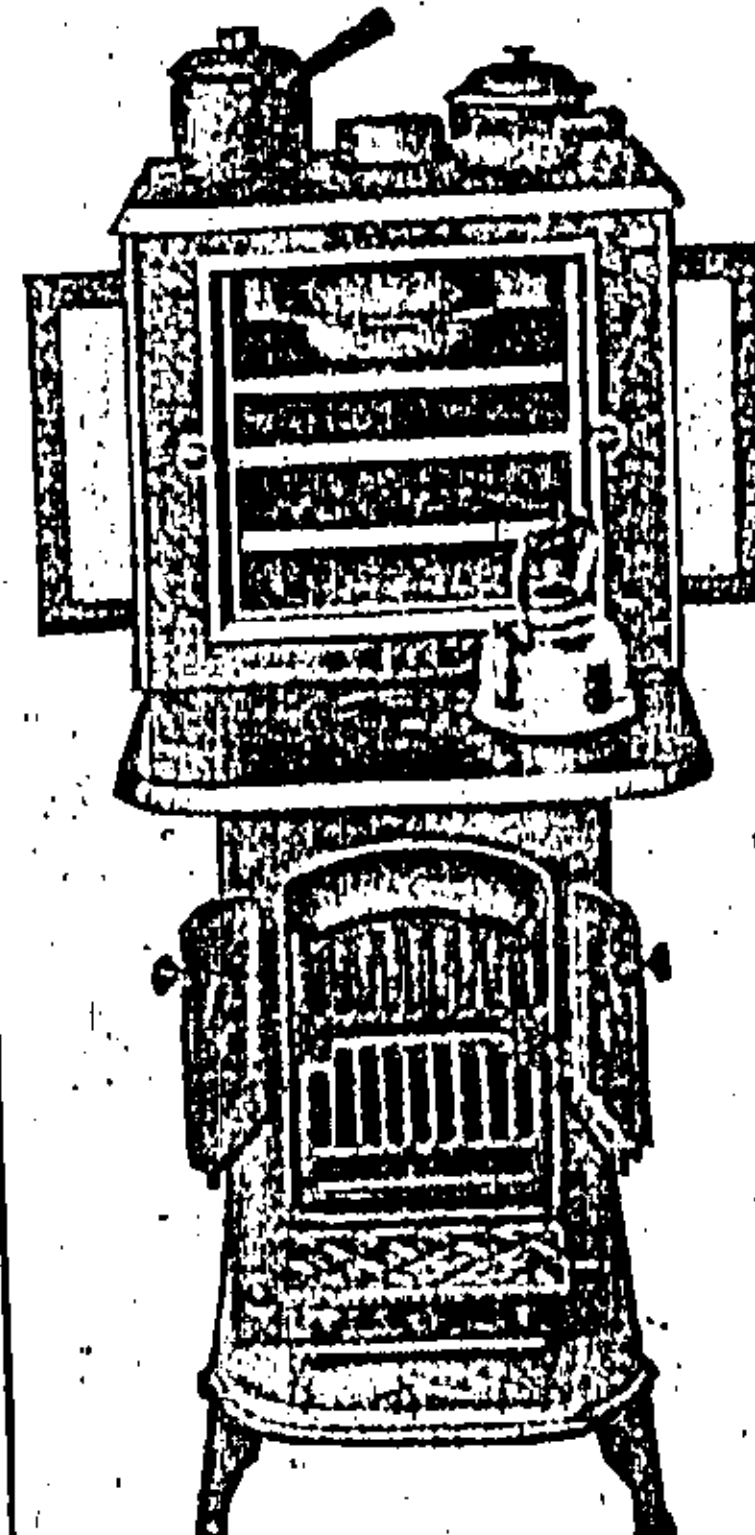


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TAXATION ISSUES.

At a moment when the National Government at Nanking has promulgated its new Tariff Schedule, it is interesting to learn that the long duel between the merchants and the Surtax Bureau at Swatow seems likely to end in a victory for the former. News received from our correspondent indicates that instructions have been cabled from the Nanking Government to the effect that the illegal regulations of the Bureau, against which the merchants have been so long on strike, are to be withdrawn at once, and these have accordingly been passed on to the Bureau by the local officials. It is hoped that this will lead to an early revival of trade in Swatow, where conditions have been at a standstill for some considerable time now.

For nearly two months, practically all exports from Swatow have been stopped, and the merchants have refrained from buying goods outside the port, as a protest against the exactions of the Bureau. The local authorities have declined to do anything to ease the situation, and have, in fact, maintained a more or less recalcitrant attitude towards the Nanking Government. However, it is understood that Canton is now supporting Nanking in the matter, and the trouble is thus expected to terminate almost immediately. If this be so, the large export of oranges, in which Swatow does such a big trade, will be possible. It appears that the merchants have not yet secured their further demand for the abolition of the Bureau, which goes by the misleading name of the Inland Tax Bureau, but presumably in the new year the surtax will, in the ordinary course of events, be combined with the collection of the ordinary Customs imposts, and, with the customary five per cent., become one tax. What further effect the enforcement of the new Tariff Schedule, as from February 1st, will have, remains to be seen. Another interesting development in Swatow is that an order has been made that the collection by the Customs of a tax on native goods coming into the port from other Chinese centres must be suspended. Such a tax is obviously indefensible from an economic point of view, and it is ridiculous that goods made in Shanghai should be taxed on their entrance into Swatow. The urgent need to foster native industry, and the Government's well-known in-

terest in that movement, are set at naught by such regulations.

Coincident with these happenings, however, comes information showing that another means of queering money out of trade has been found by the opening of a new link station at Kityang, an inland port up the river to the west of Swatow. There is a big traffic by cargo-boats up this river, and it is obvious that it has been fastened upon for the express purpose of getting more revenue. Vigorous representations are being made to Canton and to Nanking for the suppression of this new instrument of uneconomic policy, which, if continued, is likely to have the most adverse effects on trade. Swatow, in common with many other ports, has suffered much in recent times from the heavy imposts which have been levied on both imports and exports, some of which have been utterly illegal. If the new National Tariff Schedule is to be enforced, Chinese and foreign traders alike will expect that an end be put to all irregular levies, so that business men may know exactly where they stand. The National Government no doubt has this intention; the future will show whether it possesses the power to put it into effect.

Sanitary Sophistry.

There seems every reason to believe that the present head of the Sanitary Board is either sadly misguided, being guilty of nothing worse than careless phraseology, or a ready confessor of his department's sins, blessed with the gift of unconscious humour. Elsewhere will be found a statement made by him at yesterday's meeting of the Board in reply to questions by Mr. J. P. Braga. Briefly, the interrogator desired to know what the Government proposed to do concerning the illegal encroachment of the stone jetty forming the southern arm of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, where a number of disgusting hovels have been erected by human derelicts whose habits, and the general use to which the place has been put as a garbage dump, constitute a public nuisance. The question elicited the remarkable statement that the head of the Sanitary Board has not previously had his attention drawn to these erections as owing "to their complete segregation from the town," they escaped the notice of the District Inspector. We cannot suppose for one moment that there is any deliberate attempt to mislead in this illuminating statement, which, to put it mildly, makes one feel that there is some truth in the joking assertion that civil servants find repose in the arms of Morpheus during their working day. It does, at all events, seem that the time has come when some-one in the Sanitary Department should be rudely disturbed. The facts simply are these: the complete segregation of which the official speaks is a matter of less than a hundred yards; the hovels must be passed by and seen from every Yaumati ferry crossing in and out of the Shelter; while they have been in existence for the past four years! Some of the inhabitants have made their abode at this spot ever since the jetty was constructed, and we are told that those whose business it is to safeguard the health of the community have just learned of the situation through Mr. Braga, acting on behalf of the Kowloon Residents' Association. Over and above this candid admission of the Sanitary Department's "out of sight, out of mind" outlook, we get another statement that it is not thought that the squatters and their hovels have anything to do with the serious small-pox outbreak in Kowloon, and therefore it would be a wise precaution to leave them in their isolation for the present. We would suggest that while the Department is acquiring wisdom, Mr. Sayer might pay a visit to the region himself.

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DAY BY DAY.

FOOLS AND SENSIBLE MEN ARE EQUALLY INOCUOUS. IT IS IN THE HALF FOOLS AND HALF WISE THAT THE GREATEST DANGER LIES.—Goethe.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashmir, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The P. and O. s.s. Tresillian is due here from Singapore at noon on the 17th instant.

From the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., we have received a useful desk calendar.

Mrs. Southern is to distribute the prizes at the Victoria British School on Wednesday next.

Mrs. Dyer is to distribute the prizes to children of the Kowloon Junior School at 10.30 a.m. on the 20th instant.

A Chinese girl, sixteen years of age, was yesterday admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of drinking a poisonous eye-wash in mistake for another medicine.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. C. J. Farmer, assistant employed by the Douglas Steamship Company Limited, residing at No. 533, The Peak, to Miss D. Goodman, of Tantallon Terrace, Kowloon Dock.

Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., was amongst the guests who attended the opening of the Peninsula Hotel yesterday, his numerous friends being delighted that he has so far recovered from his recent accident to be about again.

The foundations for the construction of a European style house on part of the Morrison Hill site have been laid. The first house is being erected on the space adjoining Morrison Hill Road. The house will face the Valley at a distance of about a hundred yards from the Monument.

The first dinner dance to be held at the Peninsula Hotel took place last night and was attended by fully four hundred guests. Two orchestras were in attendance, and both the roof garden and the banquet hall were used by dancers. Carnival favours were distributed, and the function was a great success.

Appearing before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a charge of being in possession of thirty fathoms of prepared opium, a Chinese was fined \$2,400, with the alternative of six months' hard labour. The defendant was arrested in Saigon Road on information received by a Chinese detective.

Twenty-five dead bodies have been picked up overnight by the police in various parts of the City and Kowloon. Of these, fifteen were infected with small-pox, and being the bodies of children, in Yaumati, five were found there in Hungshom, two in Mongkok, four from the Harbour and one from the Harbour, and one Tsim Tan Tsui.

In connexion with yesterday's opening ceremony of the Peninsula Hotel, inconvenience was caused to a number of visitors through temporary stoppages of the lifts. We are advised by Messrs. Dodwell and Co., Ltd., who are responsible for the lifts and who had a special staff on duty, that the trouble was due to a matter entirely outside their control and had nothing to do with the lift installation.

"NINA AND JACK."

TALENTED DANCING COUPLE FOR QUEEN'S.

"Nina and Jack," a well-known and talented dancing couple, are to make an appearance at the Queen's Theatre to-morrow to Saturday at the 9.15 p.m. performances.

The couple have danced with considerable success in most places of the world and in their opening programme will present their famous "Dance of Death," and the "Argentine Horseman Tango" as a duo, while Nina will give a solo Gypsy dance. "The Dance of Death," which has been voted the best interpretation of the ever-popular Apache dance, abounds in thrills and works up to a climax which is invariably greeted with untainted applause whenever seen.

The artists will appear in conjunction with Pola Negri's big picture "Barbed Wire" which will remain the chief attraction at the Queen's Theatre until Saturday.

MANILA SHOWS.

MANY FEATURES THAT ATTRACT.

Besides the four big rides, such as the Caterpillar, Scaplane, Merry-go-Round and the Ferris Wheel, there are at the Manila Shows many other interesting attractions, including a giant, seven feet six inches high; the Mystery Man, who possesses no feeling at all when burnt by fire; and the Death Globe which is a most thrilling ride on a cycle by an English lad in a globe. Also one should not miss the opportunity of seeing the dances by two Hawaiian Girls which are very amusing and are drawing full houses at every performance.

The kiddies of Hongkong will have a chance to visit the Manila

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

A former G.O.C. had for a time to be accommodated in a house originally built as an inn?

This was in the early days of the occupation of Hongkong, after the temporary barracks at West Point had been pulled down. The Army thus became dependent on existing buildings for accommodation, and Major General D'Aguiar found accommodation in a house built as an inn. In addition to the ordinary rent, the War Department had to pay for the anticipated profits of the inn-keeper.

One of the buildings used by the Army was the old Oriental Bank in D'Aguiar Street, whilst another was an old warehouse adjoining, which had for a time been occupied as a Court House.

Shows on Saturday and Sunday afternoon, as matinees will be held on both days beginning at 4 o'clock. All the rides and shows will be put into full operation and several free acts will be held. The Morris Monkey Show features a wire-to-day that they would arrive on the Empress of Canada and be ready to open on December 20th. The Morris Monkeys perform all sorts of tricks and acts and are considered one of the best animal acts on the stage. They will form part of the shows that will be sent to Manila for the carnival to be held there during the latter part of January.

STOLEN BICYCLE.

MAGISTRATE RECALLS HIS LOSS.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, a young Chinese was charged, before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, with larceny of a bicycle from No. 492, Nathan Road, the residence of Dr. L. K. Luk.

The defendant admitted the charge. The bicycle was stated to have been left outside Dr. Luk's house, and, whilst the doctor's son was away, the machine was stolen. A Chinese detective who was making enquiries found the bicycle in a shop, where it had been sold by the defendant.

His Worship:—A smart bit of work. They never found my bicycle when it was stolen ten years ago.

Inspector Marks:—Perhaps it was not stolen in Yaumati. The defendant was remanded until to-morrow for his fingerprints to be produced.

CHINA SQUADRON MOVEMENTS.

KENT AND BERWICK DUE TO-DAY.

H.M.S. Kent, the flagship of the China Station, and H.M.S. Berwick are expected to arrive in Hongkong this afternoon on the completion of their Japanese tour. The last port of call was Yokohama.

The Hermes arrived at Manila from Judat on Tuesday and the Suffolk at Woosung from Yokohama.

Information has reached the Colony that the four Southampton flying boats have arrived at Singapore at the conclusion of their Far Eastern tour which included Hongkong.

FAIR WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another has formed over S.E. Mongolia. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds; fresh; fair.

The Very Idea!

A well-known station hostess in Australia, accustomed to surprise visits from people of distinction, some little time back received a telegram: "Marquis of Hastings arriving this afternoon. Meet 3.30 train." The station owner was absent at the time the telegram arrived, but his dutiful spouse set about getting the best bedroom ready, and generally putting things in order. The station carriage was sent to the station to meet the distinguished guest, and the lady's mortification can be better imagined than described when the "Marquis" arrived in the person of a magnificent Hereford bull. Only her keen sense of humour saved the situation, but it is not safe for the time being to refer openly to Dukes, Princes, or even Earls.

"Women always will annoy one another as much as they can."—Mr. Bingley, the Marylebone magistrate.

Mr. Snell, the Old-street magistrate: People come to ask me all sorts of things. They will be asking me to take out their teeth presently.

"Many people who marry get tired of one another. It's like joining the Army. Lots of fellows get fed up."—Mr. Cairns, the Thames magistrate.

"My wife got up at 12.30 p.m., went into her lodger's room, and laughed and smoked, while I cleaned the house and got the dinner ready."—A husband at North London.

"If this widow knocked me down it would take three or four men to make me get up."—A man at Willendon seeking a summons against a woman for threats.

Counsel in a collision case at North London: Imagine a motorcyclist going at six to eight miles an hour late on a Saturday with a girl on the pillion seat who was going home. It would be a real pleasure!

Heard after the general meeting of a ladies' golf club. The able secretary had only secured peace after a great deal of trouble. She had visited the members of the warring factions before the meeting, and had persuaded them to bury the cause of dispute rather than air it at the meeting.

Peaceful member:—"You deserve great credit. What is the feminine for diplomat?"

Secretary (who had suffered much during the parleys):—"Diplomat—MUTT!"

[The second annual run of pioneer cars took place in London recently].

Go, fetch out my ancient Tin Lizzy
And give her a fresh coat of paint;
The sight of her makes me feel dizzy.
She looks so remarkably quaint.

A pair of new tyres will be needed
Before she is fit for the road;
And if the exhaust is impeded
Her boiler will doubtless explode.

I'll fix up a new carburettor
And put some fresh oil in the tank;
And possibly she would run better
If only the engine would crank.

Her screws and her nuts I must tighten,
And grease all the joints where they squeak;
For the journey from London to Brighton
Will take the best part of a week.

The two dames in the tramcar were discussing the recent wedding of an acquaintance. "An' just fancy," exclaimed one, "they weren't even friends last October!"

"No," remarked her grumpy-visaged companion, "an' happen they won't be friends next October, neither."

The late Mr. W. M. Ramsay, O.B.E., J.P., had a keen sense of humour. He had a life-long interest in total abstinence.

One day, visiting a military camp where he had established a rest tent and "dry" canteen, he fell asleep on the grass. Wags collected all the bottles they could find and arranged them round their sleeping friend and took a photograph.

Mr. Ramsay saw the joke, and made the picture into a lantern slide, which he frequently exhibited.

Diana, aged six, had been taken to the dentist's for the first time in her short existence.

Being a regular visitor to the barber's, a visit to the dentist had no terrors for her. After the operation, however, she was not quite so confident.

"Mummy," she said, rather tearfully, "we'll go to the hair barber the next time—I don't like the tooth barber."

CAPITAL ART CLUB DISPLAY.

GOOD WORK BY LOCAL ARTISTS ON VIEW.

THIRTY EXHIBITORS.

The annual exhibition of work by members of the Hongkong Art Club opened at Pedder Building this morning and was attended by a large number of visitors who betrayed a keen interest in the generally excellent work of local artists. A collection of about 200 pictures reveals the versatility of members of the club, and while water colours predominate there is some good work in oil, pencil and pen. While the work of some of the older members is on view of course, there are pictures by new artists, adding to the variety of a really delightful exhibition.

Mrs. Aubrey exhibits no fewer than fourteen clever pictures, perhaps the best of which is an excellent study called "Bamboo and Clouds," while Dr. Baleen exhibits with a study of Green Island. Mrs. Knight Anstey has concentrated on local views, a notable one being of junks at anchor in which the blending of colours has been extremely well managed.

Five good pictures stand to the credit of Mrs. Baleen, one being a clever harbour view, a "Ningpo Guild House" by Mrs. Breyer shows patient exercise of talent in water colour work, while a view of the approach to the monastery at Howick is probably the best picture in a fine collection of Commander H. D. Binney. A pencil sketch near Laichikok stands to the credit of Mr. G. H. Bond who seems more at home with the pencil than the brush.

Many Excellent Works.

Mrs. Cashman's oil work is particularly good, "Marigolds" which unfortunately is not for sale stands out among the fourteen pictures of Maud Crawford. Peach blossom is very well done by Miss H. Harry who also has several local studies. A fine collection of pictures stands under the name of Geo. P. Heney, "Kurds" being a particularly fine piece of oil work. The latest pictures of J. H. Hunt reveal the detail for which this local artist is well known, a pen drawing of the Sacred Bridge at Nikko being an especially attractive picture.

A little unevenness is noticeable in the work of S. D. Igglesden who exhibits four pictures, while Miss P. L. Murray's collection includes an excellent study of an amah and a poster "The Temple of Art." Two fine interiors by Mr. A. M. de Marton, and two chalk portraits by Dr. Newton command a good deal of attention. W. L. Patten's "Palms" and "Interior" also receiving favourable comment.

Prospective purchasers find much to admire in the work of C. Peyton and Mrs. M. O. Fister, the large collections of both artists including many excellent pictures. A view of Hongkong from a window is one of the best pictures by Mrs. Sayer while "Roses" is notable among Mrs. Bowes-Smith's seven pictures. Grace Macnair has both oils and wash drawings while I. Vanwyck shows great versatility in pursuance of his work. The arts and crafts section includes scarfs and handkerchiefs exhibited by Mrs. Danby, a number of good water colours by Mrs. S. Berg and six delightful photographs by C. H. Blason.

On the whole the exhibition reveals a high standard of work reflecting to the credit of members of the Club. The full list of exhibitors is as follows:—Mr. C. P. Anderson; Mrs. Knight Anstey; Mrs. Asche; Mrs. Aubrey; Dr. and Mrs. Baleen; Mrs. Berg; Mr. C. H. Blason; Mr. G. H. Bond; Mr. C. H. Binney; Commander R. D. Binney; Mrs. Cashman; Miss Maud Crawford; Mrs. Danby; Miss Griffin; Miss Hannek; Miss H. Harry; Mr. Geo. P. Heney; Mr. J. H. Hunt; Mr. S. D. Igglesden; The Hon'ble Mrs. Macnair; Mrs. De Martin; Miss P. L. Murray; Dr. Newton; Mr. W. L. Patten; Miss C. Peyton; Mrs. M. O. Fister; Mrs. H. K. Prosser; Mrs. Sayer; Mrs. Solomon; Mrs. Bowes-Smith; I. Vanwyck; Mrs. Wyatt, and Miss Westland.

YEN HSI SHAN'S VISIT.

NANKING ARRANGEMENTS OF WELCOME.

Nanking, Dec. 12. The Nanking Government has ordered twenty motor cars to proceed to Hsankwan Station in order to receive Marshal Yen Hsi-shan and his party who are expected to arrive this morning from Shanghai.

It has been arranged that the S. S. Sin Wah with Marshal Yen on board will reach the Station Wharf this morning. Immediately after landing Marshal Yen will pay a visit to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek. —Nam Chung Pao.

OVERLOADING OF STEAMER.

OWNERS OF S.S. CHUEN CHOW FINED \$100.

MASTER GOES FREE.

The adjourned case of overloading, against the owners and master of the S.S. Chuen Chow, resumed this morning at a special sitting of the Marine Court, resulting in a conviction being registered against the owners, with a fine of \$100, the case against the master being dismissed.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared for both parties, when the Court opened with Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., on the bench.

Mr. Elvidge, Boarding Officer, gave evidence of visiting the Chuen Chow at about 2.45 p.m. on December 4. The vessel was then so loaded that the centre of her disc was submerged, with the vessel on an even keel.

Called by Captain.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness admitted that he had been called to the ship by Captain T. Jones, who reported the overloading and said he would not leave with her in that condition. Witness considered the statements of Captain Jones to be bona fide and did not doubt that the ship would not have left.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Elvidge said he did not know a Mr. Ng Chow-wing, who, Mr. Lo informed his Worship, was a managing director of the owning Company and who took pride in the fact that he had not missed a single trip in his vessel in 30 years and was particularly interested in seeing that the ship was not overloaded.

Resuming, witness said that steps were taken immediately on his arrival at the wharf, to discharge part of the cargo, some of which was put into another vessel which had been called alongside. The vessel throughout was on an even keel.

Mr. C. J. Thompson, Chief Boarding Officer, gave evidence of seeing the vessel completing her discharge. In cross-examination, he stated that Captain Jones was in possession of clearance papers when overloading was reported. The issue of clearance was made according to usual custom.

His Worship asked Mr. Lo whether the ship's log could be produced, and Mr. Lo replied that it was not in Court.

Captain's Evidence.

Captain Jones stated he had been master in the owning Company for three years and Chief Officer for seven years, during which time he was in close association with Mr. Ng Chow-wing, but he denied Mr. Lo's suggestion that this gentleman was a pilot. He was not even on the ship's articles.

Witness related the incidents of his call at the Harbour Office to report the ship overloaded to the extent of about two inches. He made the report as he was unable to find either Mr. Ng or the commander and nobody else understood him.

On his return with Mr. Elvidge, he found Mr. Ng, and discharge of excess cargo was commenced without Mr. Ng knowing of his official report. Excess cargo was always put into the S.S. Chuen Lee, which left Hongkong some two hours after S.S. Chuen Chow. Mr. Ng had always been careful not to allow overloading.

20 Tons Too Much.

Captain Jones assessed the overloading at 20 tons, with submergence at 10 tons to the inch. He had returned on board at about 2.30 to find the ship too deep and had immediately tried to stop cargo, but his interpreter, Mr. Ng, was not available, so he reported to the Harbour Office.

In reply to His Worship, witness stated that he had full authority to stop the loading, but could not make the coolies understand. While he was on shore his Chief Officers were looking after cargo.

Mr. Ng Chow-wing was called and stated that he was the managing director of the owners. He had on this particular day been supervising the stowage of cargo in the hold and he would not knowingly allow too much to be put on board. The officers were on deck while he was below. He did not know exactly how much the ship would take, nor her rate of submergence.

Captain Jones, recalled, said that although promised, the builders had not sent a submergence table.

No Intentional Offence.

Mr. Lo, addressing the Court, said evidence was overwhelming that there had been no intentional offence and quoted cases where it was laid down that the owner could not be held responsible for overloading, carried out without his knowledge by a servant. He further argued

THIEF CAUGHT ON B. I. BOAT.

FOUND WITH STOLEN GOODS IN ENGINEER'S CABIN.

MONTH'S SENTENCE.

A ship thief, caught red-handed, appeared before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, being prosecuted by Chief Engineer R. G. Whitehead, of the S.S. Takada, with boarding without permission. He pleaded guilty. His Worship decided to take the evidence.

Mr. Whitehead stated that his boy brought tea in at 5.15 this morning and when lights were switched on, the accused was found crouching beside the bunk with a silver watch that had been removed from the head of the bed and a bundle of stolen linen from the top of the table, in his hands.

Witness seized the accused, who had by that time dropped the gear on to a bedside chair. Further examination proved a drawer in the sitting room adjoining to have been tampered with, but nothing was missing.

Inspector Andrews handed in evidence of a previous conviction, with one month's hard labour, in January last for boarding. The accused was apparently too frightened to reply to his Worship's questions, but was eventually understood to say that he had not understood the articles and had only boarded the ship to sell the officer some rattan chairs.

His Worship, remarking that 5 a.m. was a rather early time to go selling chairs, inflicted sentence of one month's hard labour.

Typhoon Sheltering.

No less than 24 masters and mistresses of junks were charged with morning their craft inside Causeway Bay Shelter without permission, eight pleading not guilty and the remainder guilty.

Police evidence was given of a raid on the shelter at the instruction of the Captain Superintendent of Police, a launch and sampans being used to round up the offenders. Those pleading not guilty all stated that they were beyond the limits of the shelter engaged in fishing, but this was refuted by the police, who explained the position of the launch and the use of her searchlight. In spite of all precautions, a large number of the offending sampans and junks got away.

Fines of \$5 in each of the 24 cases were inflicted.

that the loading was not actually a completed act. There had to be some volition on the part of the owners for them to have been a party to it. He asked for a dismissal of the summons on these grounds.

His Worship said that the particular point was that the system prevailing was so different in river steamers to that in other vessels under the British flag. While the managing director was in the hold stowing cargo, the officers were somewhere else and the master had to find either the managing director or the commander to stop loading. He thought the owners were culpable and inflicted a fine of \$100, the case against the master being dismissed.

Appealed to by Mr. Lo, his Worship added that there appeared to be no intentional offence by the owners, but at the same time, he could not gauge the extent of an owner's intentions.

NOVEL METHOD OF GAMBLING.

GUESSING NUMBER OF PIPS IN AN ORANGE.

PROSECUTION FAILS.

A novel method of gambling was described to Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese detective charged three men under the Gaming Ordinance. One of the defendants failed to put in an appearance and his bail of \$5 was estreated.

The other two pleaded not guilty. A Chinese detective in evidence said that he saw the three men standing round a hawk's stall on a vacant piece of ground in Shamshuipo. The first defendant (the man who failed to appear) had an orange in his hand and predicted that the fruit contained 12 pips. He asked the second defendant whether he would back on there being more or less than that number.

The second defendant placed twenty cents on a lower number and on the orange being opened it was found to contain 15 pips, the second defendant thus losing twenty cents to the first, who thereupon paid the third defendant, the stall holder, two cents for the orange.

His Worship: I don't think that is gambling. It is not within the meaning of the Ordinance. Case dismissed.

Sergeant Brittain remarked that it appeared to be a private bet between the two people.

His Worship: I think it rather an ingenious game myself.

THE ANGLO-CHINESE PARLEY.

FURTHER MEETING THIS AFTERNOON.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. C. T. Wang, did not meet Sir Miles Lampson to-day, but it is understood that Dr. Wang's next session with the British Minister will take place to-morrow afternoon.

At the first meeting between the two plenipotentiaries, it is reported that Dr. Wang proposed that the discussion be first confined to tariff issues. The Chinese Government, he said, had drawn up a draft of a new Tariff Agreement, which would be produced for the consideration of Sir Miles Lampson at to-morrow's meeting.

It is reported, that at yesterday's meeting Sir Miles Lampson intimated that he was awaiting further instructions from England.

THE CELTIC STILL AGROUND.

ATTEMPTS TO REFLOAT UNSUCCESSFUL.

London, Dec. 11.

Attempts to refloat the White Star liner Celtic which is ashore at the entrance to Queenstown harbour, have so far been unsuccessful.

The depth of water in the holds has now increased to 24 feet. —Reuter.

CONTRACTORS WIN ACTION.

CLAIM FOR \$270 FROM PRINTING FIRM.

WRONG PARTY SUED?

A dispute over a sum of \$270 resulted in an action before Mr. Justice Jacks in the Summary Court this morning, when the Lee Cheong Firm, No. 24, Peel Street, contractors, sued the Yin Chin Po, No. 51, Hollywood Road, newspaper printers, for the sum of \$223, being balance due for work done and materials supplied.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada was for the plaintiff, and Mr. C. A. S. Russ defended.

Evidence was given by the plaintiff to the effect that he received \$140 on account of work done, leaving a balance of \$130. After that, further orders were given from March 4 until March 21, this year, to the extent of \$151.34. On March 30, another sum of \$100 was paid on account, leaving a balance of \$181.34. Further orders were received to the value of \$69.66, which were followed by a deposit of \$8 on May 24. On June 3, \$20 was paid on account, leaving a balance of \$41.66. The total balances came to the amount of the claim.

Offers Declined.

Plaintiff testified that he received an offer of \$100 in settlement and, when he refused it, \$140 or \$160 was offered, but he also declined this, and indicated that he might accept a reduction of \$20 or \$30 only.

In cross-examination of the plaintiff, Mr. Russ said that the only item in dispute was a sum of \$270, of which there was no trace in the defendants' books, although all the other items were in accord with the plaintiff's books. He suggested that the amount was due from another firm and not from the defendants.

Dealing with a chopped acknowledgment produced by the plaintiff, Mr. Russ contended that it was stamped with the correspondence chop, which was not the proper one, and therefore the acknowledgment was no proof of delivery.

Forgot His Books.

Evidence for the defence was given by the assistant cashier, who denied that the \$270 was owing and said that there was no record of it in his books.

When asked to produce his books, he said that he had forgotten to bring them.

His Lordship, in giving judgment for the plaintiff on the claim, with costs, remarked that the plaintiff's story was perfectly straightforward and, he believed, the right one. He had produced his books and showed that he had received amounts from time to time. He had also produced a bill showing that the money was due to him.

TOO MUCH FOR THE ARMY.

MARSHAL CHIANG ALARMED AT EXPENSES.

Nanking, Dec. 11.

After analysing the general accounts of the Nanking Finance Ministry during the past few days, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is reported to be very pessimistic. He is said to have been exceedingly alarmed at the discovery that of the total yearly expenditure of the Nanking Treasury which amounts to \$450,000,000, no less than \$360,000,000, or 80 per cent, went to the Army.

Marshal Chiang has intimated that the funds demanded by the Army should be reduced considerably by the coming Disarmament and Recruitment Conference at Nanking and leaders should fully realise the adverse financial conditions at present prevailing.

SPORTSWOMAN KILLED.

HORSE STUMBLES WHILE OUT WITH DRAGHOUNDS.

St. Heliers, Nov. 8.

Mrs. Riley, wife of Major Riley and daughter-in-law of Mr. Athelstan Riley (Seigneur de la Trinite), met with a fatal accident to-day during a run with the Jersey Draghounds. Coming down a steep incline her horse stumbled and gave her a heavy fall, her head striking a fence.

Mr. A. J. Contanche, Solicitor-General for Jersey, who was taking part in the run, picked up Mrs. Riley, who was removed to the Bon Air Sanatorium. It was there found that she had fractured her skull, and she died without regaining consciousness.

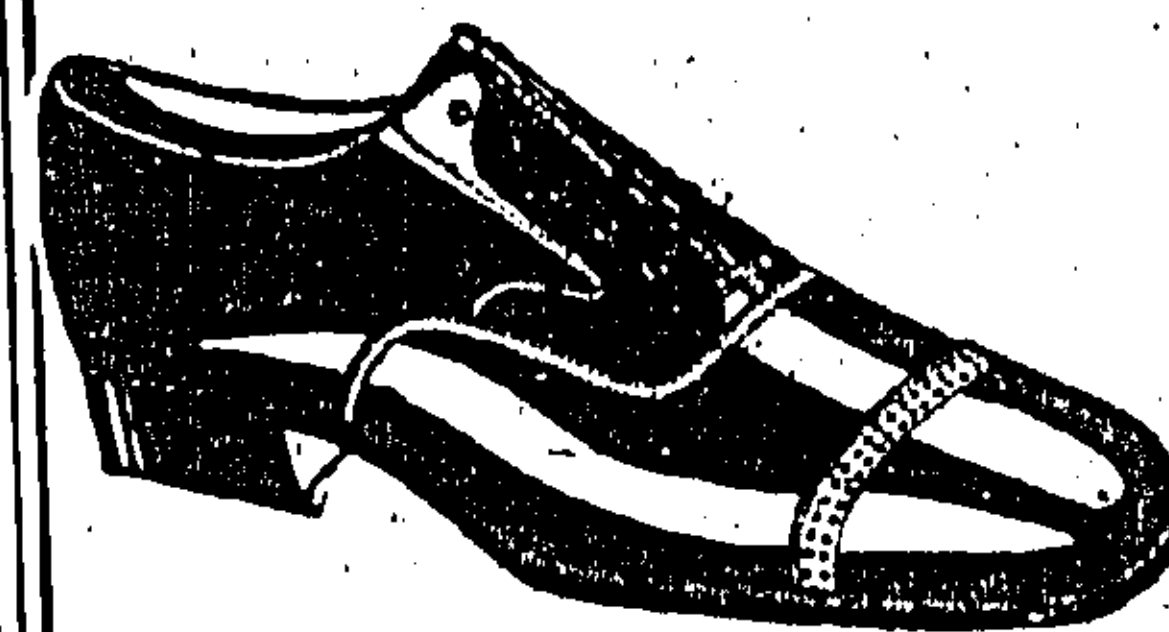
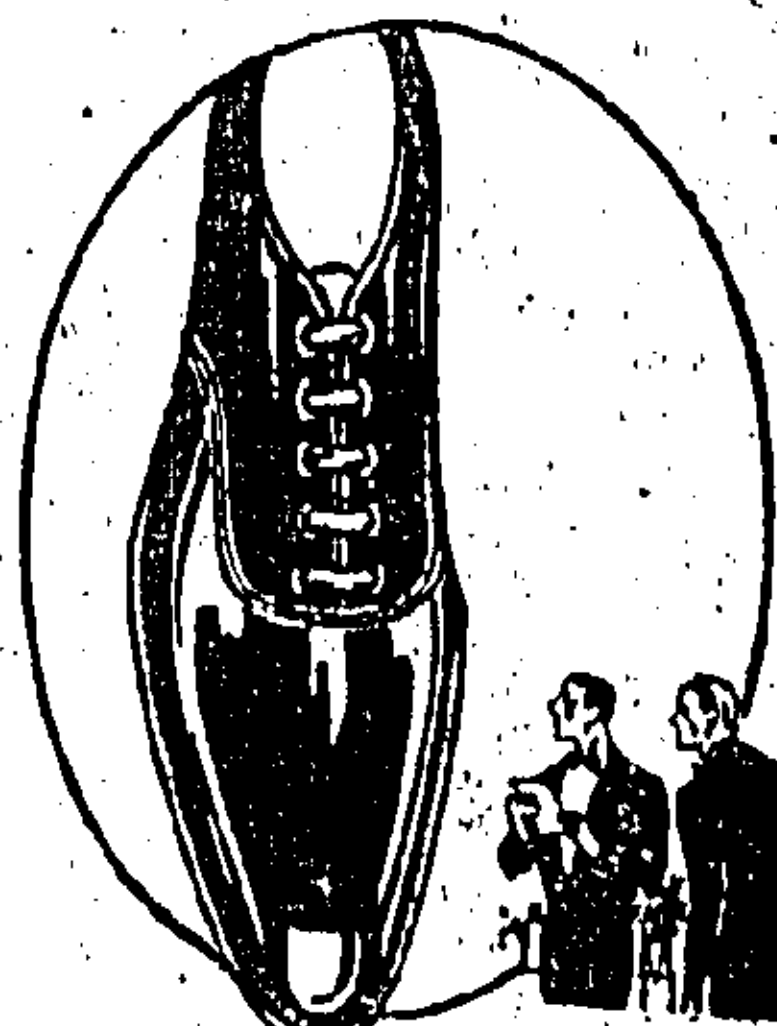
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CRICKET NOTES.

[By "Two Legs."]

There was a crop of matches on Saturday, but very little progress was made in the League, especially in the Senior Division, which had only one fixture on its list. The Seniors have been taking a back seat since the commencement of the season and will not really get down to things until January.

The Junior Division, however, has reached the stage where one can forecast, with a certain hope, of correctness at least, the teams that are likely to be soon eliminated from the championship and those that will be left in the running.

It has been pointed out to me that the Craigengower-Navy match at Happy Valley was incorrectly reported in the papers in that the home team was given as having had first knock, whereas it was really the Navy side which went in first. The result, therefore, should have been a win for the Senior Service by 24 runs instead of by three wickets.

I was surprised to see the way Craigengower crumbled before the Navy bowling which was really not so difficult to play as the averages might indicate. The home team were set only 113 runs to win, which is not such an impossible task for a side which has some fairly useful bats.

At one time it looked as if the Navy would be in for a very bad defeat when they lost four wickets for something like a nine runs and young Abbas was bowling at his best. However, after Lt. Norris had stayed at the bat, somewhat, E.R.A. Sparrow raised the hopes of the Navy XI by playing an invaluable innings for 36.

A. B. Large, who started with the 2nd XI, has again proved that he can take wickets just as easily when playing amongst the seniors as when he is up against junior batsmen, but I cannot help thinking that he was rather lucky to get 7 for 26. Craigengower had an "off" day, as not one of their more or less reliable bats, with the possible exception of Omar, made anything like a stand.

Indian R.C. in the Junior League are going great guns these days. They have completed exactly half of their fixtures and have a record of five victories and one defeat. Royal Engineers and Kowloon C.C. are the only other teams in the top half of the table who have only one reverse against them and are likely seriously to challenge the leaders for the premier position. The University 2nd XI, too, will make their presence felt before the League is much older.

Club de Recreo, judging by recent performances, are not nearly so good as they were a year ago and did not trouble the Indians overmuch at Sookumpoo. The Portuguese team have fallen off considerably in batting, but they still retain that keenness on the field which never admits of defeat until actually beaten.

Craigengower can put themselves on the back for taking the full points from the Navy 2nd XI. I hear they played a really fine game, especially when fielding, and fully deserved their convincing victory. Leonard appears to have become their most consistent bat and the attack was again well taken care of by Fritz and W. Way. Skipper Mow Fung surprisingly hit up the highest score and put in some excellent work behind the sticks.

True, the Navy failed rather badly this time—they were all dismissed for 60—but it is well known that they are capable of bigger things, so it is never really safe to under-estimate them.

Royal Engineers and Signals severely trounced the Civil Service bowling and scored 172 runs for eight wickets in quick time. The earlier batmen of the C.S.C.C. faced their uphill battle bravely and appeared to have paved the way for a division of the points, but the opposition bowlers, especially Sig. Durand, made short work of the "tail-end."

Interest this week will be centred on the fixture between the Combined League and University Past and Present, the first match of its kind. On form, it appears that the League XI will overwhelm the "Varsity," but familiarity with

CANTON BILLIARDS.

MASONIC CLUB AGAIN DEFEATED.

The Canton Club has again defeated the Canton Masonic Club in the Inter-Club Billiards for the Masonic Cup. This time the Canton Club won all five games and secured a lead of a further 418 points over the Masonic Club. The most sensational game was that between D. Latimer (Canton Club) and C. E. Watson (Canton Masonic Club) when the former made his 260 points in 45 minutes to his opponent's 78. Scores:

Canton Club	
A. T. Lay	250
D. Latimer	250
G. C. Kitching	250
J. Baud	250
Wm. Seifert	250
	1250

Canton Masonic Club.

F. Stormes	222
C. E. Watson	78
C. T. Underhill	250
J. Mahood	183
G. A. Clements	125
	828

Handicap Tourney.

D. Latimer (—200) defeated G. C. Kitching (—175) by 96 points in the final of the Canton Club December Billiards Handicap. Other entries were: G. Woudenberg (—125); J. Carnegie Jr. (—25); Geo. Duncan (—75); J. Baud (—175); H. H. Benson (—50); A. T. Lay (—500); R. O. Rutherford (—75); H. F. Campbell (scratch); Wm. Seifert (—175); J. W. Banbury (—25); G. H. Bowker (scratch); S. Lillierap (scratch); V. E. C. Fowler (scratch); H. Lafford (—75); E. H. Shekury (—50); R. E. Atwell (—75). —Our Own Correspondent.

HOCKEY.

UNIVERSITY TEAMS TO PLAY AT KOWLOON.

The following will play for the University "A" team against the K. I. Tennis Club on Friday night at 4.45 p.m. at Marina ground.—H. E. Adams, D. Rai, A. E. L. Herkots, K. P. Gan, G. S. Scully, P. C. Lim, K. T. Loke (Capt.), Y. C. Toh, G. E. Yeoh, A. B. Sultan and M. B. Osman.

The following will represent the University "B" against Y.M.C.A. "B" to-morrow, night off at 8 p.m. at King's Park.—A. A. Aziz, C. M. Lee, Chamerette, G. E. Yeoh (Capt.), J. J. Gutierrez, V. Enok, E. K. Foo, E. X. Khoo, N. P. Koh, S. C. Ho, P. T. Tan and A. B. Sultan (Reserve).

K.I.T.C. Again Beat Beds and Herts.

In a return match played between the Beds and Herts. and the K.I.T.C. team, on the Marina ground yesterday afternoon, the Indians beat their opponents for the second time, by 3 goals to 1.

In the first half the Indians were leading by 2 goals to nil. In the second half they made the score 3, and Beds and Herts. scored their only point just before the final whistle. As on the previous occasion, the Beds and Herts. were mostly playing a defensive game.

Match Against University.

On Friday, 14th instant, the following will represent the K.I.T.C. in the match against the University "A" on the Marina ground, at 4.30 p.m. Amir Khan, Mohd. Khan (Capt.), Hasham Ali, Firdos Khan, Jem. Makhan Singh, Nur Khan, M. A. Khan, G. A. Khan, Anwar Singh, Ahmed Khan, Kernal Singh. Reserves: Peraz Ali, J. D. Tipu.

IMPERIAL CRICKET.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN MAY.

London, Dec. 11. At the annual meeting at Lord's, Mr. Hindley, secretary of the M.C.C., announced that it is proposed to hold an Imperial Cricket Council next May, when future tours will be discussed. It is hoped India, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and the West Indies will be represented.—Reuter.

the vagaries of their own small ground may prove to be a big advantage for the Pokfulam team which, I expect, will include a majority of present pupils. In the Junior Division, the leaders I.R.C. 2nd XI, who will have the R.A.S.C. as opponents are confident of another victory, while Kowloon should not have much difficulty to dispose of Club de Recreo.

APPEARING AT QUEEN'S.



"Nina and Jack," clever dancers who are to appear nightly at the 9.20 p.m. performances from Thursday to Saturday at the Queen's Theatre.

CHINESE STEAMER PIKED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Wong Shek Kung, being registered in Canton, does not come under the Piracy Prevention Ordinance, and has no passenger licence from Hongkong. She was not searched before leaving Hongkong.

The owners, interviewed by a representative of the Telegraph, gave an interesting story as to why the booty was only \$5,000.

On the vessel's arrival at Sam Lung Island, a fleet of thirty sampans came out from the island towards the boat. The work of lowering the cargo of the ship into the sampans had scarcely commenced when the pirates observed another fleet of small crafts heading for the piked steamer. Work was stopped as the pirates were not quite sure who the newcomers were.

Two Parties.

When it was realised that the second craft had on board another band of men, ready to strip the piked steamer of whatever they could get hold of, the pirates on the steamer mustered themselves together and left the Wong Shek Kung, to do battle with those who would plunder them. While the struggle was going on, those on board the Wong Shek Kung managed to give the pirates the slip and returned to Hongkong. Only a very small portion of the cargo was therefore lost, the pirates booty consisting mainly of the property of various members of the crew.

The owners expressed the opinion that the firemen concerned in the piracy smuggled on board both the arms and the other pirates.

TRIED BEFORE TWO MAGISTRATES.

POSSESSION OF FIVE REVOLVERS.

A Chinese emigrant returned from the States, named Cheong Man, was charged to-day at the Central Magistracy, with the possession of five revolvers and 5,000 rounds of ammunition. The case was heard before two Magistrates (Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson).

A sampan man, who was sent by a Californian firm at Wing Lok Street to meet the defendant, said he took over five pieces of luggage from the defendant at the Kowloon Wharf, and later saw one of these being opened by police searchers. This had a false bottom, in which the contraband was found. A large assortment of odds and ends, such as old bottles, pulleys and iron hoops were taken out before the secret compartment was located.

Mr. E.S.C. Brooks, who appeared for the defendant, suggested that the pucking case in question was included by mistake in the defendant's luggage.

The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

The following will represent the Volunteers 2nd XI against the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI at 2.15 p.m. sharp at Sookumpoo on Sunday.—R. R. Davies (Capt.), A. Reid, H. L. F. Ewin, A. D. Coppin, G. A. L. Plummer, S. C. Banks, S. V. Gittins, H. T. Buxton, N. A. E. Mackay, J. J. Hirst, E. Zimmerman.

and did not agree that any of the passengers took part.

The ship is still in quarantine anchorage and the various members of the crew, are undergoing interrogation at the Central Police Station.

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DOCTORS' DOPE SCANDAL.

BIG MEN ROUNDED UP IN FRANCE.

Paris, Nov. 7. Twenty accused persons, including doctors and young drug addicts, several of whom belong to the fair sex, appeared at the dock at Toulouse to-day in connexion with a vast drug scandal.

Robert Montagut, aged 27, belonging to a well-known family of Toulouse, who had taken to the drug habit, had to be placed in a lunatic asylum.

His family informed the police, and inquiries showed that the young man obtained morphine prescriptions through the well-known doctors Fonville and Roger Fourcade, of Toulouse.

During months of investigation, no fewer than 88 chemists' shops in Toulouse and its neighbourhood were visited.

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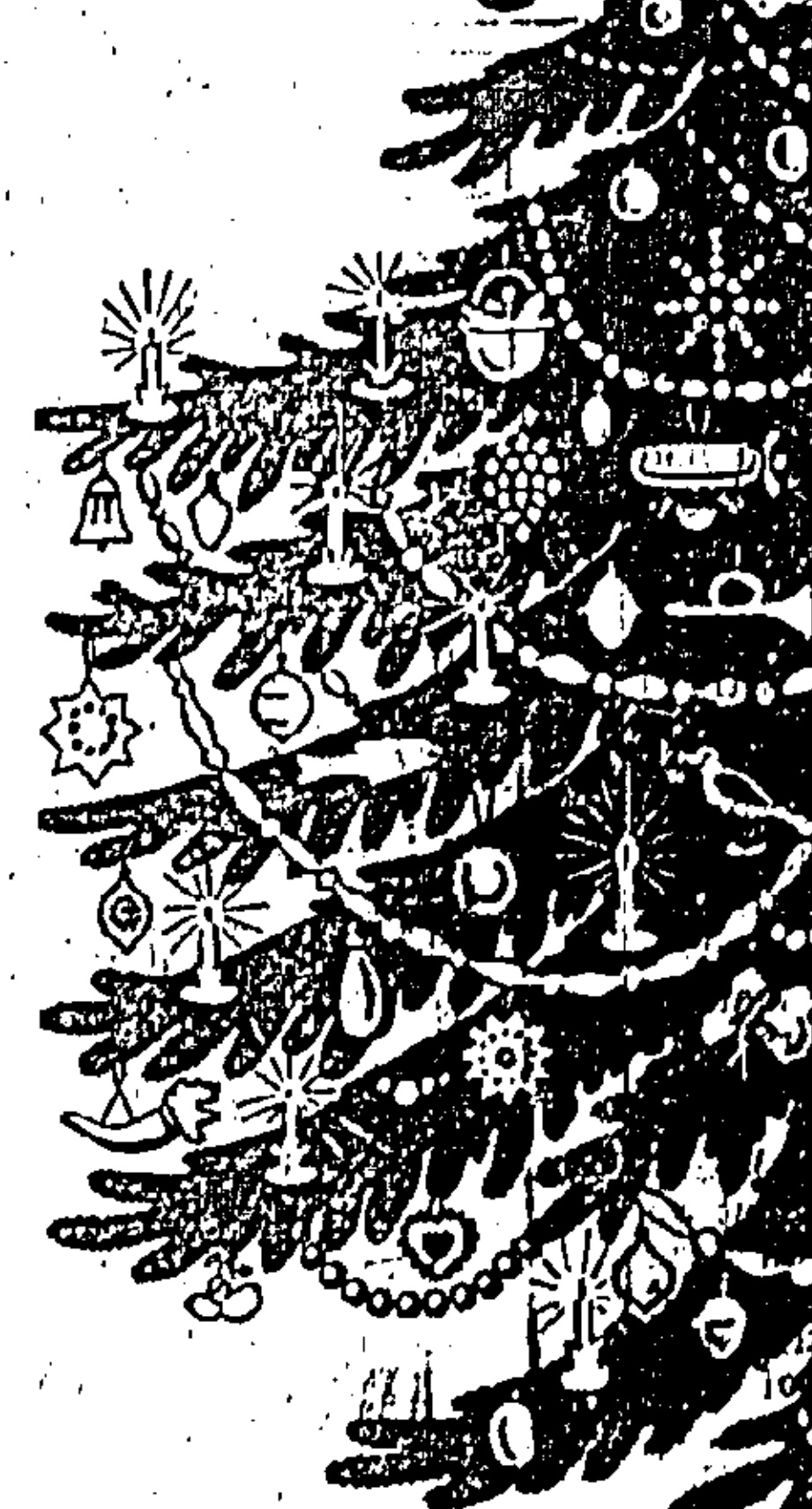
It was revealed that eight doctors were in the habit of giving "prescriptions" to drug fiends for cocaine and morphine.

A dozen persons, including several women, are being charged with having drugs in their possession, while eight doctors are being prosecuted for their "obliging prescriptions."

Dr. Felix Dupin is charged with having delivered 668 such prescriptions and Dr. Paul Garail with 660. The case will last several days.

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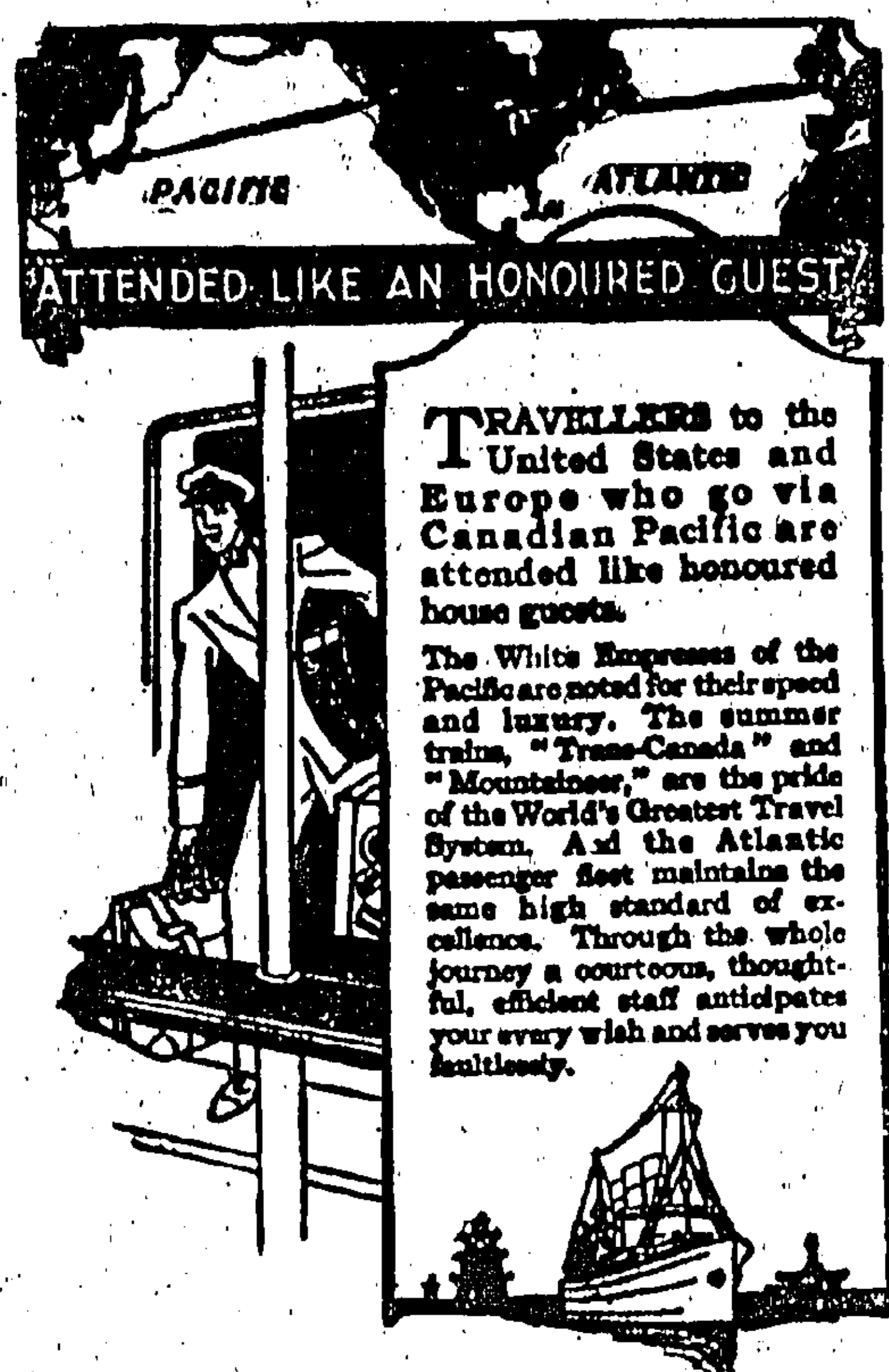
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PUBLIC HEALTH.

MR. BRAGA'S QUESTIONS IN THE SANITARY BOARD.

Questions dealing with the small-pox outbreak were asked by Mr. J. P. Braga at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday afternoon.

Mr. G. R. Sayer, the Chairman, replied that certain erections at Yau-mat-ti which were mentioned by Mr. Braga had escaped the notice of the District Inspector owing to their complete segregation from the town.

Besides the Chairman there were present Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. R. A. C. North, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin and Mr. J. Watson (secretary).

Pursuant to notice, Mr. J. P. Braga asked:

"Owing to the prevalence of small-pox at Kowloon and the unsatisfactory sanitary condition of certain districts thereof, will the Head of the Sanitary Department state:

1. Whether he is aware of the existing encroachment of the stone jetty, to the north of Kowloon Marine Lot 49 and forming the southern arm of the Yau-mat-ti Typhoon Shelter, by fifty odd hovels, made up of old 'clippers' boats, matted and short lengths of canvas, which are used as the habitations of a large number of human derelicts who should be taken care of by existing charitable organisations?

2. Were these habitations pitched up under licence, and, if so, by whom and under what authority were the licences granted to the permittees?

3. What conditions are attached to the licences?

4. If the erections are unauthorized, what steps is it proposed to take for their removal and the better housing of their inhabitants—to wit, men and women—old and well stricken in age?"

Chairman's Replies.

The Chairman replied:

1. My attention had not previously been drawn to these erections as, owing to their complete segregation from the town, they had escaped the notice of the District Inspector. I am advised that the age and description of the occupants make it very improbable that they are connected with the recent cases of small-pox; but that it would be a wise precaution to allow them to remain in their present isolation for the time being.

2. and 3. I understand they are not licensed and can accordingly be removed at any time.

4. This will be referred to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Tung Wah Hospital.

A Promenade.

Following the answers Mr. Braga said:

"I would like to say a few words in explanation. My questions on the condition of the stone jetty at Yau-mat-ti were asked at the instance of the Kowloon Residents' Association and after a visit to the site in company with the hon. secretary of the Association, Mr. C. M. Manners. In the opinion of the Committee of the K. R. A. the unsatisfactory condition of the jetty is a real menace to public health in Kowloon, especially at a time when the outbreak of small-pox

shows no sign of abating and the practice of dumping dead bodies of victims of the disease is persisted in.

In addition to the condition revealed in my questions the Committee of the Association desire me to point out that the jetty in question is allowed to be used as a sort of depot for all kinds of rubbish, even to a big heap of clam shells at the head of the pier which is enclosed with a sort of low bamboo fencing to serve as a small poultry run for the rearing of chickens. This is the sort of thing that the K. R. A. consider should not be permitted, but that the fine broad 40-ft. surface of the jetty for its whole length of 500 feet together with the 500 feet of road to Walching Street should be kept clear and free from objectionable obstructions so that it can be utilised as a promenade in a very densely populated district in Kowloon thus tending to secure more hygienic conditions on the peninsula.

Sewer Outlet.

Standing in the name of Mr. J. P. Braga, were also the following questions:

1. Will the Head of the Sanitary Department inform the Board if periodical inspections are made of the condition of the harbour around the sewer outlet in front of Kowloon Marine Lot 49?

2. If so, will he lay the latest report of those inspections on the table for the information of members of the Board?

3. Is the Medical Officer of Health aware that large quantities of human excreta are discharged from the said sewer and remain floating at the base of the stone jetty off Wai Ching Street?

4. Will he state whether this obnoxious collection of nauseating matter is detrimental to public health?

5. Will the Government devise means for the discharge of sewage from the Yau-mat-ti district to a point beyond the stone jetty where the tide can disperse it?

The Chairman replied:

1. Periodical inspection of this sewer outlet, in common with other sewer outlets, is made by the drainage authority to ascertain that it is functioning properly.

2. Written reports are not made; but I am informed by the drainage authority that the condition described in question 3 was observed on the last inspection.

3. The Medical Officer of Health inspected recently and reports that the conditions are no doubt affected by the state of the tide, though he personally observed no pollution.

4. He does not consider that the condition as reported constitutes a public danger.

5. The question of extending the sewer is receiving attention; but the question is a difficult one as it is possible that an extension of the sewer would increase the risk of the discharge actually entering the refuse.

Mr. Braga said that he would like to point out that on the occasion of his visit to the locality the collection of solid matter was positively offensive. He remarked that the formation of the jetty formed a sort of cul de sac and prevented such solid matter from being washed out.

Garbage Chute.

Mr. Braga then asked his third series of questions.

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Washington, Dec. 11.

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Typhoon Shelter, is there any good reason why the garbage chute should not be removed from its present position at the bottom of Saigon Street to a point, outside the Shelter, to the North of it where the motor refuse lorries can discharge their loads into the Sanitary Department barges?

2. Will the Government consider the advisability of such removal at an early date?

3. Will the Government cause investigations to be made into the success or otherwise of existing incinerators in large industrial establishments in the Colony for the destruction of refuse with a view to its adoption by the Government?

In reply the Chairman said:

1. The Saigon Street dust station is excellently situated for our existing system of refuse removal, and the danger of pollution can be disregarded.

2. It is not proposed to remove this station.

3. I am not aware that any large industrial establishment in the Colony employs incinerators on any considerable scale for the destruction of refuse; but if the member will give me names and addresses, I shall be glad to investigate.

Mr. Braga mentioned the Kowloon Dock Company.

The meeting then adjourned till Thursday, December 27.



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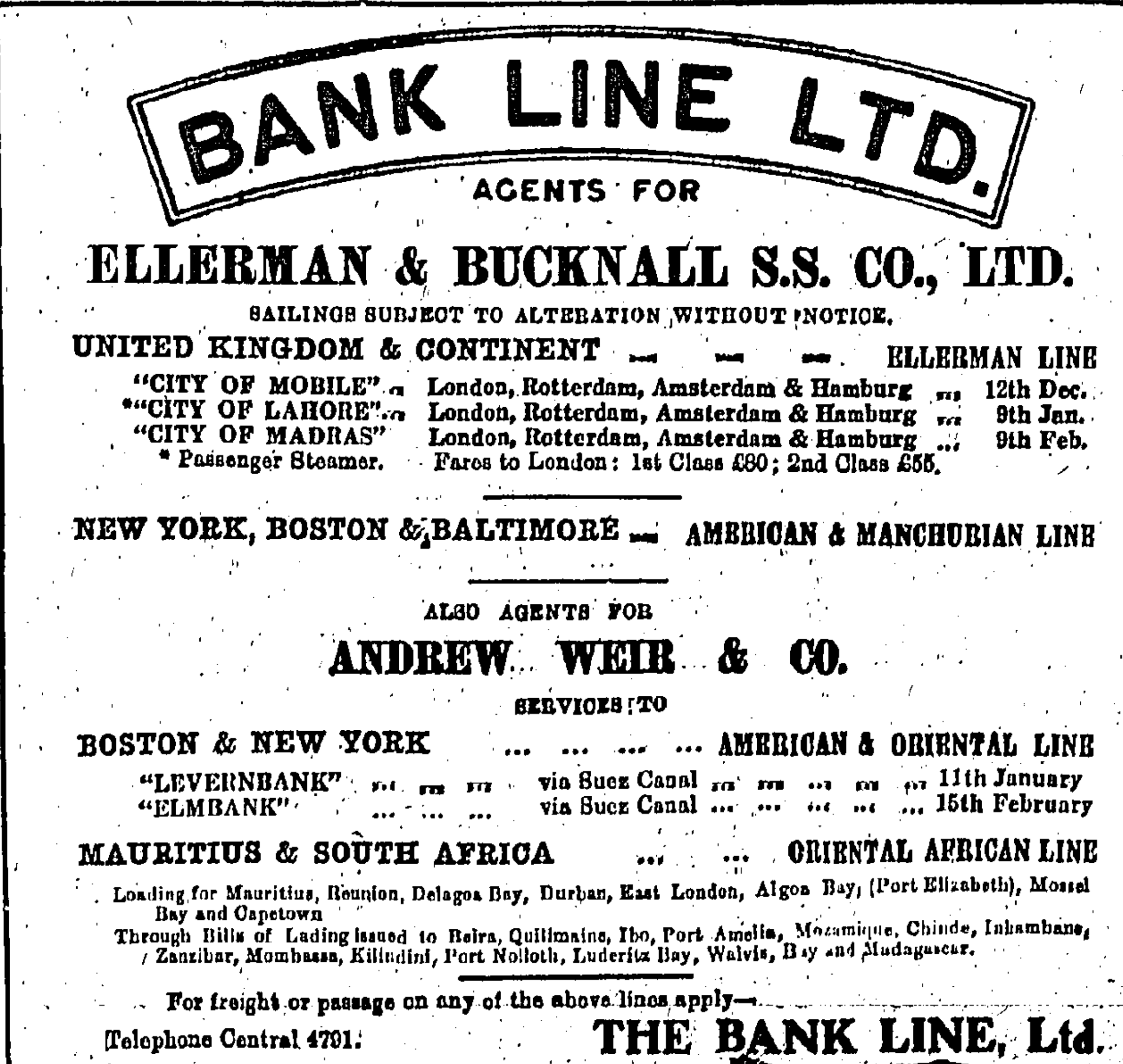
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Engineer-Commander Richard John Brown, D.S.O., R.N., died at the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham, on November 11, aged 45. He received his first commission as engineer sub-lieutenant on January 1, 1904, and was appointed to the cruiser Monmouth. When the late War broke out he was engineer-lieutenant of the Lyddard, in the Harwich Force, and from June, 1916, he served in the Sorceress, in the same Force. He was appointed D.S.O. for War service, and during 1919 was stationed at Grimaby. Promoted to engineer-commander in June, 1920, he subsequently served in the Sandhurst, destroyer depotship in the Atlantic Fleet, and in 1924 was appointed Engineer-Overseer for the Admiralty at the works of Messrs. Yarrow and Co., Scotland.

Commander Brown came to Hongkong for overseeing duties in connection with the building by this firm of four river gunboats, which were shipped in sections and re-erected on the Station. On his return he was appointed in August of this year as assistant to the Engineer Rear-Admiral on the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief at the Navy, which post he held up to the time of his death.

PENINSULA HOTEL OPENING.

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ward and visible testimony of the faith which is in us all that the greatness of Hongkong is in the future and not in the past, and that Kowloon is destined to play an ever increasing part in that future greatness. Ladies and gentlemen, I look forward to the day when, with the Channel Tunnel accomplished and the Kowloon-Hankow railway completed, travellers will be able to book their tickets through from London to Kowloon with the assurance that on their arrival at their destination they will find in the Peninsula

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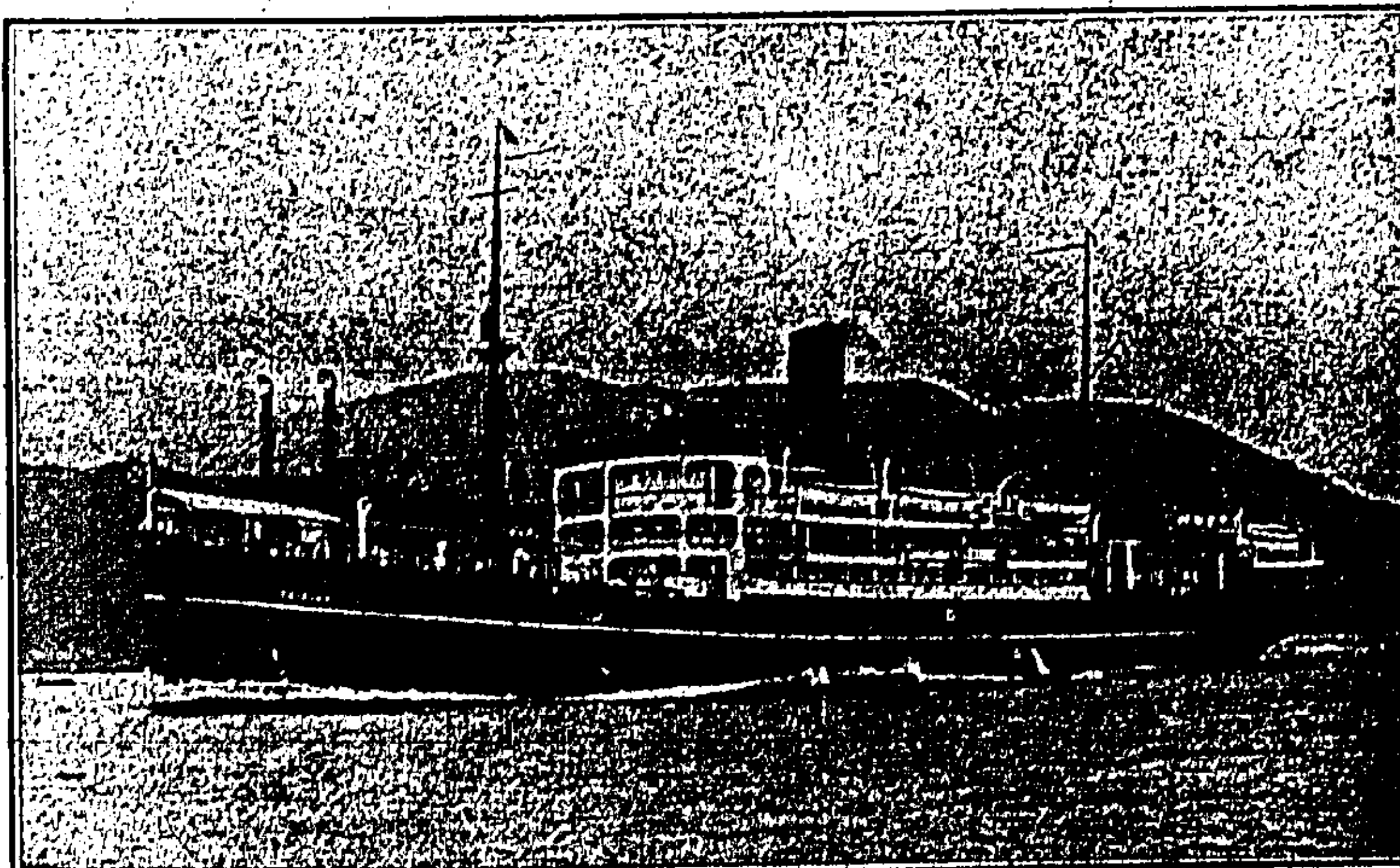
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NOTICE.

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The Steamship

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UNDER GENERAL AVERAGE.

As notified in this paper on 6th and 7th instant, some part of the cargo ex the above steamer arrived by the s.s. "Changte" on 7th instant.

The s.s. "Tango Maru" is proceeding to Japan direct from Manila, and all the remaining cargoes from Australian ports including Thursday Island are coming forward per our s.s. "Aki Maru" due here on or about 20th instant.

All the consignees concerned are requested to sign G. A. Bond at our Office and to pay a deposit of Fifteen (15) per cent. of the valuation of their consignments before Bills of Lading will be countersigned for delivery.

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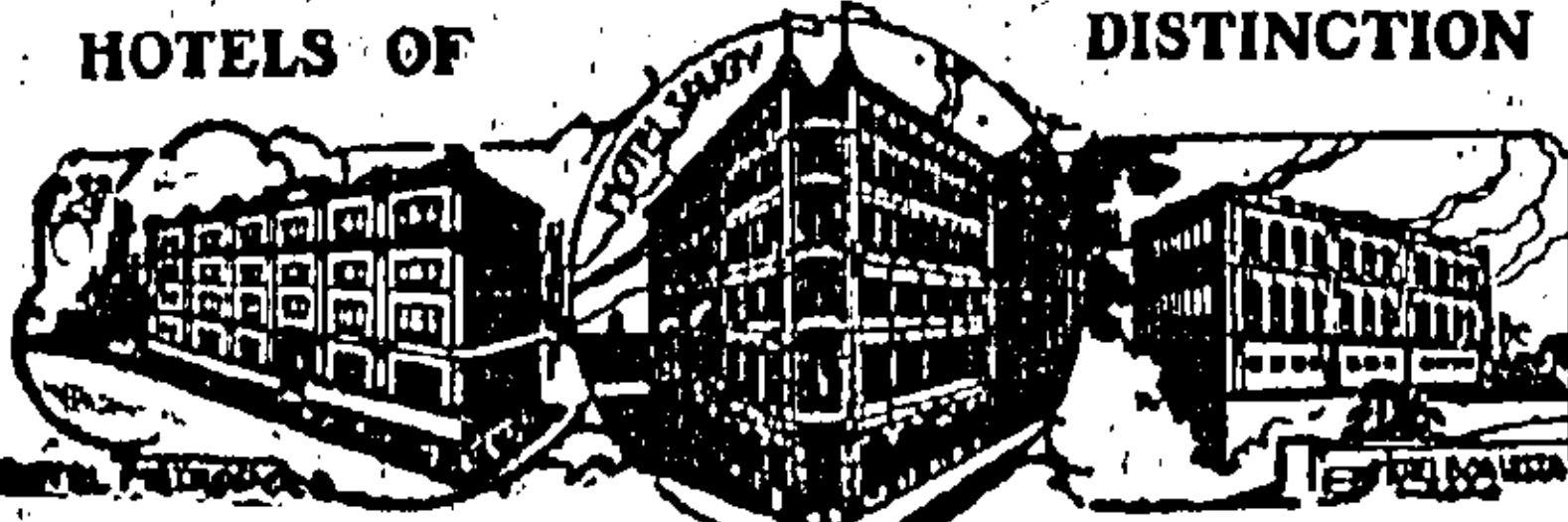
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VARISITY RUGGER STRUGGLE.

OXFORD OVERRUN IN FIRST TEN MINUTES.

LIGHT BLUE VICTORY.

London, Dec. 11. Despite a fine recovery after Cambridge had crossed their line three times, in the first ten minutes, Oxford University could not make up the leeway in the Varsity Rugby match at Twickenham, Cambridge University winning by 14 points (a goal and three tries) to 10 points (penalty goal, a try and a drop goal). Forty thousand spectators turned out for the match in spite of the gloomy weather, and they were rewarded by a fine game. Before the start, there was a most impressive silence, the teams lining up, the crowd rising and uncovering their heads while the band played "God Save the King." At the outset of the match, Oxford were badly beaten for pace, and Smedley forced his way through twice in the first eight minutes, scoring two tries, the first of which was easily converted by Waters.

Then Ansvold came away absolutely by himself and scored a great try, which was unconverted, and Cambridge thereby gained a lead of 11 points to nil in ten minutes.

Oxford improved immeasurably afterwards, their pack working splendidly and heeling much more effectively than their opponents. Adamson reduced the lead from a penalty goal, and soon afterwards McPherson crossed the line after a splendid run up.

At half-time, Cambridge led by 11 points to 6, and they set the seal on their victory thirteen minutes after the restart, Smedley breaking through to score his third try, this time in the corner and practically impossible to convert.

Oxford promptly returned to the attack and were pressing for some time. Adamson dropped a goal in great style, but there was no further scoring.—*Reuter*.

ANOTHER KOWLOON SNATCHER.

CAUGHT AFTER CHASE BY PORTUGUESE.

COURT COMMENDATION

For the second time within three days, a Portuguese lady has been the victim of bag-snatchers. The latest incident occurred at about seven o'clock last evening when Mrs. E. Lawrie, of No. 335 Nathan Road, Kowloon, who was waiting for a bus, had her purse snatched from her by a Chinese, who was subsequently arrested by a young Portuguese named C. E. Barros.

The man was produced before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of larceny. The defendant pleaded guilty.

Inspector Marks, who prosecuted, said the complainant had come out of her house and was waiting for a bus in Nathan Road when the defendant suddenly snatched her hand-bag and ran away. He was chased and caught by Mr. Barros.

His Worship:—Very well done; excellent.

To the defendant, his Worship said:—If you snatch from a lady, you have to pay for it. Six weeks' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch.

His Worship (to Mr. Barros):—I congratulate you, Mr. Barros, on your chasing and catching this man. It helps enormously when civilians come in and help.

TRUCE WITH AFGHAN REBELS.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDING.

New Delhi, Dec. 11.

A truce has been reached between the Afghan Government and the rebels, and peace negotiations are proceeding.

The telegraphs between Kabul and Peshawar have been restored.—*Reuter*.

POLICE RESERVE.

NEW SQUAD DRILL ORDER.

An amendment to the Police Reserve Orders states:—All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies and of the Flying Squad will attend at Central for Squad Drill etc. on Thursday, December 13th at 5.30 p.m. instead of at 6.45 p.m. as mentioned in Weekly Orders dated December 11th, under Sergeant P. Condon. Dress—Muff.

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HOUSE OF LORDS REFORM.

FRESH PROPOSALS INTRODUCED.

LORD CLARENDON'S SCHEME NOT FAVOURED.

GENERAL OPPOSITION.

London, Dec. 11.

In the House of Lords to-day, Lord Clarendon introduced his proposals for the reform of the Upper House of the Legislature.

This subject has been discussed for many years, and in the Parliament Act of 1911, which modified the powers of the House of Lords, the reform of its constitution was left over to a later date.

No Government measure dealing with the matter has since been advanced, but many proposals have been put forward by private members.

The Proposals.

In introducing his proposals to-day, Lord Clarendon moved:

Firstly, that it was desirable that early steps should be taken to limit the number of members of the House of Lords, and to make suitable provision for elective representation of the Peerage and for such other representation or nomination as would ensure to each political party a fair position in the House;

Secondly, that the following constitution of the House of Lords would fulfil these conditions:—In each Parliament there should sit and vote 150 Peers elected by proportional representation of

ICHANG STEVEDORES INTIMIDATED.

Refuse to Load Cargo on B. and S. Ship.

EFFECT OF BOYCOTT.

A naval wireless message received in Hongkong this morning shows that trouble is being experienced at Ichang in regard to the loading of the Butterfield and Swire s.s. *Kintan*.

It appears that the stevedores have refused to load the steamer with through cargo for Chun-ling, this being the result of intimidation by the Japanese Boycott Society.

The British Consul at Ichang is endeavouring to obtain from the Chinese authorities some assurance whereby willing labour may be safely employed.

cumulative vote by the whole body of Peers, and 150 other persons nominated by the Crown in proportion to the parties in the House of Commons. The Crown should also have the power to appoint a limited number of life Peers in each Parliament.

Lord Clarendon advocated that Peers not elected to sit in the House of Lords should be eligible to stand as candidates for the House of Commons.

Scheme opposed.

The scheme was opposed by Lord Buckmaster for the Liberals and by Lord Parmoor on behalf of the Labour Party.

Lord Parmoor objected that 150 Peers elected by the present House of Lords would be predominantly Conservative.

The Lord Chancellor said the Government took the view that in a matter of such grave constitutional importance an endeavour ought at least to be made to secure a measure of general agreement to any proposed changes.

No Legislation Prospects.

The Government, said the Lord Chancellor, had dropped the proposals made by Lord Clarendon last year because they did not receive that degree of general support which would have justified the Government in proceeding with them. There could, he said, be no chance of giving legislative effect to the proposals for the reform of the House during the life of the present Parliament.—*British Wireless*.

AUSTRIAN DEBT TO U.S.A.

Washington, Dec. 11.

The House of Representatives by 140 votes to 26 has passed the Burton Bill providing for the settlement of the Austrian Debt.—*Reuter's American Service*.

SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

NANKING REPORTED TO BE IN FRIENDLY MOOD.

PLACARDS REMOVED.

Nanking, Dec. 11.

Mr. Tokonami and his party of seven officials arrived here this morning and were greeted at the Railway Station by representatives of the National Government, including Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, as well as the Japanese Consul-General.

It is understood that the Japanese visitors have received an invitation from Nationalist leaders to dinner parties this evening and to-morrow.

As soon as their mission in Nanking has been accomplished, Mr. Tokonami and his subordinates will proceed to Peking, Tsingtao, Dairen and finally Mukden and other cities in Manchuria before returning to Japan.

Chinese observers say that if Mr. Tokonami's visit to Nanking proves to be all that is hoped, the Japanese diplomat will take back to Japan new policies, which may have a significant and important bearing on the new China policy of the Japanese Government. In other words, Japan may adopt a new attitude in solving the Sino-Japanese problems.

As an instance of the National Government's desire for friendship with Japan, on the eve of the arrival of Mr. Tokonami's party the Nanking Municipal Government ordered that all placards and slogans on street walls be removed.

It is understood that some of the slogans, which were issued very recently by the Kuomintang Department in Nanking, denounced and attacked the Japanese Premier, Baron Tanaka, and the commanders of Japanese troops which clashed with the Chinese soldiers at Tainan-fu in May last.

LEAGUE ADVISES MODERATION.

APPEAL TO PARAGUAY AND BOLIVIA.

REMINDER OF PLEDGE.

Lugano, Dec. 11.

The League Council is intervening in the hope of preventing hostilities breaking out between Paraguay and Bolivia.

As reported yesterday, a dispute has arisen regarding the ownership of Elchaco, a fertile area covering over 100,000 square miles.

Bolivian and Paraguayan troops have already come into collision on the frontier, and it is said that intense enthusiasm for war prevails in Bolivia.

The League Council has now decided to telegraph to the two Governments recommending a spirit of moderation and conciliation.

The message does not doubt that the two States, which, by signing the Covenant, solemnly pledged themselves to seek pacifically a solution of disputes, will resort to such methods as will conform to their international obligations.—*Reuter*.

Washington, Dec. 11.

The Pan-American Congress has appointed a special committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Kellogg to devise means for the conciliation of the Bolivia and Paraguay rupture.—*Reuter's American Service*.

IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

MAJOR ASTOR CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE.

London, Dec. 11.

The Council of the Empire Press Union is making arrangements for the Imperial Press Conference to be held in London in June, 1930.

A strong committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Major Astor.

The chairman of the Canadian Branch of the Union has resigned, being succeeded by Lieut. Colonel J. H. Woods.—*Reuter*.

THE UNEMPLOYED RETURNS.

FEWER ON THE LIST THIS WEEK.

London, Dec. 11.

The latest returns show that the total number of unemployed is now 1,350,800.

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